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Russian Gives New Warning To NATO on **Ex-East Bloc Ties With Former Allies.** Would Force Reaction, **Intelligence Chief Says**

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By Steven Erlanger

New York Timer Service MOSCOW — Russia's Foreign Intelligence Service, with the support of the Russian mili-tary, warned NATO on Thursday that any move to incorporate East European countries would force Moscow into "fundamental" military countermeasures and heighten anti-West-.cm sentiments.

Some of the countries of Eastern Europe formerly under Soviet domination, like Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic, have asked to join the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. While the Russian president, Bons N. Yelt-sin, reacted calmly to the idea in late August, the Russian military has pushed him to recon-

France wants to see NATO evolve, but not in association with East European states, Page 2.

sider. On Sept. 30, Mr. Yeltsin wrote Western leaders warning them against expanding NATO eastward.

But the declaration on Thursday by the director of the Intelligence Service, Yevgeni M. Primakov, was a remarkable intervention in the dehate by the foreign-intelligence arm of the former KGB.

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Mr. Primakov, citing an internal analysis, said his agency was convinced that NATO would decide in principle to expand at a January summit meeting.

This expansion would bring the biggest mil-itary grouping in the world, with its colossal offensive potential, directly to the borders of he said at a press conference." Russia"

"If this happens, the need would arise for a fundamental reappraisal of all defense concepts on our side, a redeployment of armed forces and changes in operational plans."

The internal analysis, which he released Thursday, goes further. A NATO expansion, it said, would also require "the restructuring of armed forces, a reconsideration of the structure of the theaters of military activity, the creation of additional infrastructure, the relocation of major military contingents and changes in the character of combat training.

Such changes could break Russia's budget the report bad, and if there is not enough money for the army and the social needs of its soldiers, "initiation in military circles might emerge that is not in the interests of the politi-

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EGYPT'S PRIME MINISTER ESCAPES CAR BOMBING — Wreckage caused by a powerful car bomb that was intended to assassinate Prime Minister Atef Sedki in a

Tibune

Kohl's Chagrin: His Nominee for President Quits

By Craig R. Whitney New York Tones Service

BONN - Steffen Heitmann, the conservative candidate for the German presidency whose views had become an embarrassment to his patron, Chancellor Helmut Kohl, withdrew from the race Thursday and said another man from Eastern Germany should get the job.

The failure of the chancellor's attempt to impose Mr. Heitmann's candidacy was, as opposition leaders put it, one of the worst political defeats of Mr. Kohl's 11 years in office, coming just as he was beginning a campaign for reelection in October.

Mr. Kohl, who had plucked Mr. Heitmann from relative obscurity as the justice minister of

the Eastern German state of Saxony last summer as a gesture to the disgruntled and largely unemployed voters of the formerly Commun part of the country, expressed frustration and

"The intolerable campaign of personal at-tacks and slander against Steffen Heitmann in recent months disgraced all who took part in it," he said angrily.

Mr. Heitmann, a 49-year-old Protestant Church lawyer during East Germany's Com-munist Party rule, had been steadily losing support in Mr. Kohl's Christian Democratic

His awkward attempts to explain his beliefs that women should spend more time in the

French Official Expects Trade Accord

bome with their children, and that Germans should not be held eternally in thrall to their past, showed that he was unsuited to the office, according to such Christian Democratic critics as Friedbert Pflüger, a member of Parliament

who wrote in early October that Mr. Heitmann's candidacy would split the country rather than unite it. To his own and Mr. Kohl's embarrassment,

the slight, cigarillo-smoking Mr. Heitmann was eagerly endorsed by the neo-Nazi and ultrana-tionalist German People's Union party and other similar groups.

Earlier this fall, Mr. Knhl's coalition partners, the Free Democrats, nominated Hilde-gard Hamm-Brüchher, a 72-year-old elder stateswoman, and the opposition Social Democrats picked Johannes Rau, 62, the premier of North Rhine-Westphalia.

A successor to President Richard von Weizsäcker, a Christian Democrat, will be chosen May 23 by an assembly that includes the members of both houses nf parliament and members of the German state legislatures, carefully proportioned to reflect party strengths. Mr. Heitmann announced Thursday morn-

ing in Dresden that he was withdrawing, but not in favor of a candidate from Western Germany.

In the interest of German national unity, he said, he was appealing in all other candidates to withdraw in favor of Richard Schröder, a Social Democratic pastor from Eastern Germany who is now dean of theology at Humboldt University in Berlin.

But Mr. Rau said he saw no reason to pull out now and Mr. Schröder, 49, repeated that he would not run against him. Some speculated that Mr. Kohl might nominate Koman Herzo

Volkswagen And Union Slash Week **To 29 Hours**

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Salaries to Be Cut 10%; Some See the Settlement As a Model for Industry

> By Ferdinand Protzman New York Times Service

BONN - Volkswagen AG. Europe's largest automaker, reached an agreement Thursday with the IG Metall metalworkers union on a radical plan to reduce costs by putting production workers at its six German plants on a 29hour workweek while cutting their pay by nearly 10 percent.

The agreement was the latest sign that proposals to shorten the workweek have gained wider acceptance recently in Europe, especially amid the severe recession that has brought a sharp downturn in the auto industry.

Settled in Hannover after 14 hours of intense negotiatinns, the accord calls for VW's producuon employees to begin working a four-day week of 28.8 hours as of Jan. 1. Currently, they work a five-day, 36-bour week. The measures are unprecedented in German

industry. While many companies use a four-day week, none has attempted to cut the total work time so dramatically.

Oskar Lafontaine, an economics expert in the opposition Social Democratic Party that bopes to come to power in elections next year, said the compromise could become a model for other companies struggling with high costs and slack demand.

"The decision is an example of reason," he said

An agreement had been expected after Peter Hartz, bead of labor relations at VW, essentially gave the union an ultimatum when he proposed the shorter workweek on Oct. 28.

Citing the automaker's huge losses, slumping sales and production costs that are among the highest in the automotive industry. Mr. Hartz had offered production workers a choice: accept the shorter week and pay cut, or see 30,000 of the company's 100,000 German jobs eliminated by the end of 1995.

VW's goal was to cut its personnel costs by about 20 percent through the plan. Jocben Schumm, the company's chief negotiator, said

it had come "very near" to that level. Mr. Schurnm said the four-day workweek should save the company about 1.7 billion Deutsche marks (\$1 billion) annually in personnel costs over the next two years. VW's personnel costs totaled about 10 billion DM last year. The Frankfurt Stock Exchange welcomed the

company's savings estimate, and VW shares

cal or military leadership of Russia or the country in general." There would also be a domestic political and

psychological impact, the report said. "Public opinion in the Russian Federation has long been formed in the anti-NATO spirit, and it cannot change in an hour." That former Soviet allies should join NATO. will be taken by a considerable part of Russian society as 'the approach of danger to the Motherland's borders, thus promoting anti-Western forces and "isolationist tendencies."

According to the newspaper Izvestia, Mr. Primakov's position has the explicit support of the Russian military, putting the security ministries in some conflict with the Russian Forcian Ministry. The Foreign Ministry, the paper said,

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By Batry James International Herald Tribune Inte

PARIS - In a fresh sign of movement toward a world trade accord, a French minister said Thursday that he expected a draft agreement on the dispute with the United States over agricultural trade to be ready for a parliamentary vote by Dec. 10.

The comment by Industry Minister Gerard Longuet, the minister in charge of the trade talks, acknowledged something that France previously denied: that the contentious talks are making progress toward meeting a Dec. 15 deadline.

It also indicated that Prime Minister

servative government, for the approval of a trade compromise between the United States and the European Community, French political analysts said.

Mr. Balladur's goal, they said Thursday, is to achieve agreement on the politically un-popular accord without exposing himself to accusations of selling out French farmers to

meet Washington's demands. The United States is resisting France's demands to reopen an agreement reached a year ago that would restrict certain French agricultural exports.

A parliamentary vote presumably would

Edouard Balladur was laying political require many of Mr. Balladur's potential ri-groundwork, among the factions of his con-vals in the 1995 presidential elections to also take a stand on the issue.

The announcement by Mr. Longuet followed a meeting of the Rally for the Republic party, attended by Mr. Balladur and the party's president. Jacques Chirac. Mr. Chirac is now an ally of Mr. Balladur's in the coalition government, but be is widely seen as a prospective rival in the presidential elections.

"I bope that we will have concrete proposals from the Americans before Dec. 10 and that the Europeans can agree on Dec. 10," Mr. Longuet said on French radio, Mr. Balla-See GATT, Page 12

a 59-year-old West German who is president of the Federal Constitutional Court in Karlsruhe.

The presidency is a largely ceremonial office, but in two terms during the past nine years Mr. von Weizsäcker made it into a kind of national uribunal, presenting the respectable face of Germany to the outside world and reconciling

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rose 9.50 DM, or 2.3 percent, to close at 41 DM.

Union officials expressed satisfaction with the agreement, saving they bad succeeded in preserving workers' monthly base-pay levels by spreading traditional holiday bonuses and vacation pay over the year. Jürgen Peters, who led the IG Metall negotia-

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China Blocks Murdoch From Magazine Venture

SHANGHAI --- Beijing has blocked a maga-zine joint venture by Rupert Murdoch, dealing another blow to the Australian's vision of penetrating China's media markets, officials said.

A linkup between Sbanghai's state-run Better Life magazine and Mr. Murdoch's News Corp. would have marked the first Western investment in a mainstream publication in China.

But Better Life's editor. Hu Xiaosheng, said Thursday that Beijing had rejected News Corp.'s application for undisclosed reasons.

They did not approve the project and didn't say why," Mr. Hu said. "It seems that the time is not yet ripe in China for this kind of venture. Give it another year or two."

The official China Daily quoted Mr. Hu last summer as saying that News Corp. bad proposed buying 50 percent of the lifestyle bi-monthly and that editorial exchanges had already begun. He said at the time that the venture was receiving favorable consideration at the highest levels of the Communist Party's Propaganda Department

LONDON - The British government has

begun releasing documents from Winston Churchill's secret wartime intelligence archive,

but so far they do not shed light on one of the

war's greatest mysteries - whether Churchill knew of the impending Japanese attack on

One document, dated Dec. 4 - three days

before the attack - is an intercepted message two days earlier from the Japanese fnreign minister in Tokyo in the Japanese ambassadar

in Washington, ordering him in destroy secret documents, ciphers and related materials, pre-sumably a step that would be taken just before

There is no indication whether this document

A statement drawn up by the Public Record

Office to accompany the first trickle of docu-ments said: "None of the intercepts obviously

indicate that British sources were aware in

advance of the Japanese attack on Pearl Har-

was shared with the Americans, a Foreign Of-

Pearl Harbor in December 1941.

the outbreak of war.

fice spokesman said.

But the deal is said to have soured after Mr Murdoch, in The Times of London, criticized Beijing's heavy control of information.

In September, two months after buying the Hong Kong-based satellite television network STAR TV, Mr. Murdoch boasted that such telecommunications technologies posed "an unamhiguous threat to totalitarian regimes everywhere." Observers say this attack may have undermined his China ambitions.

"Satellite broadcasting makes it possible for information-hungry residents of many closed societies to bypass state-controlled television," Mr. Murdoch wrote, STAR TV's footprint reaches into China.

A News Corp. spokeswoman in Sydney, Geraldine Paton, played down the setback, saying that Mr. Murdoch's focus had shifted to TV and that his main China play was STAR TV.

Mr. Murdocb's purchase of STAR in July seemed to offer a way of bringing 1.1 billion Chinese consumers intn his media empire. But China later banned satellite dishes for individual use.

Anthony Burgess Dies of Cancer at 76

Anthony Burgess, whose novel "A Clockwork Omnge" affered a vision of a violence-ridden future, died of cancer in London on Thursday at 76.

Mr. Burgess wrote more than 50 books and dozens of musical compositions, from operas, choral works and song cycles to symphonies and concertos. He also wrote radio and TV scripts, as well as countless articles.

"I call myself a professional writer in that] must write in order to cat, and I am not ashamed to belong to the 'Gruh Street' cofraternity which Dr. Johnson honored," he told the Paris Review in 1973. "But primarily I call myself a serious novelist who is attempting in extend the range of subject matter available to fiction, and a practitioner who is anxions to exploit words much as a poet does." (Page 5)

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By Fred Hiatt Washington Post Service MOSCOW - Historian Valcoute Yanin has spent nearly 50 summers uncarthing treasures and artifacts from Russia's premier archeologi-cal site, yet nothing had prepared him for this summer's discovery of Russia's oldest love let-

It was written, around the year 1100, on birch bark, like hundreds of other letters Mr. Yanin and his team had found in the medieval city of Novgorod: As with the others, the archaeolo-gists gingerly carried the muddy, rolled-up mess to a lab for cleaning, excited but expecting what they had mostly found before: a contract, a statement of debts, a business document of

some kind. But as they gently washed and soaked and

showed that this was no ordinary missive. And after an hour of gentle cleansing, with the strips fully infuried, Mr. Yanin read a cri de cocur that echoed mournfully across nine centuries, from Russia's first documented spurned lover.

have broken free from people's eyes, and

perhaps in anger, perhaps in fear of discovery; tantalizingly, the middle strip has not been

read only in fragments ("... now someplace else ... write to me about ..."), the letter concludes, in the same calm and well-bred hand, with passion: "Even if I hart you thoughtlessly, if you will begin mocking me, let God judge you, and my weakness."

Perhaps more than in most countries, Rus-sians look to archaeology to score points: to prove that Russia can never be a democracy, or that its essence was always democratic; that Ukraine was never part of Russia, or that it always was; that Russians have always been backward, or that they once led the way.

The site at Novgorod, near St. Petersburg, has provided enough discoveries to both fuel See LETTER, Page 2

No Clue on Pearl Harbor bor, although it was clear that Japan was about By John Darnton New York Times Service

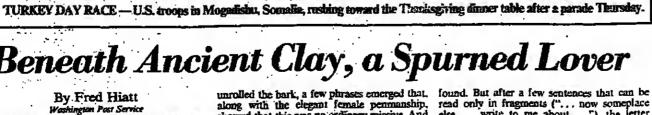
Churchill's Archives Give

to enter the war." But the statement went on: "It is possible that historians making a detailed examination of all the relevant material might draw a different conclusion."

A spokesman for the records office said that that simply meant that the archivists bad not plowed through all 1.273 files, representing the daily intelligence reports given to Churchill in the years 1941-1942, which go into the public domain Friday. He said it did nut suggest that anyone had unearthed a piece of paper that was ambiguous or that suggested Churchill knew and did not tell President Franklin D. Roosevelt about the attack.

In their 1991 book "Betrayal at Pearl Harbor," the authors James Rushridger and Eric Nave argue that British code-breakers hased at Singapore at the British Far East Combined Bureau had cracked JN-25, the Japanese naval code, and so learned of the imminent attack on the main U.S. naval base at Hawaii, They

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Beneath Ancient Clay, a Spurned Lover

"I have sent to you three times," she began, in a letter that tactfully omitted her lover's name. "What is the evil you hold against me, that you have never visited me this week? Is il that I burt you by sending to you, and you, as I see, do not like it? If you liked it, you would

The recipient had torn the letter in three,

The 'Why' Behind Toddler's Murder Haunts Britain

By William E. Schmidt New York Times Service

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PRESTON. England - The day after a jury here found two 11-year-old boys guilty of the abduction and savage murder of a Liverpool toddler, the police, politicians and psychiatrists across Britain were searching for an answer Thursday to the question the trial did not answer: How is it that two otherwise normal children could commit such a barharic crime?

At the end of 18 days of hearings in this northern industrial city. 40 kilometers t25 miles) northeast of Liverpool, even Crown Court Judge Michael Moreland wondered aloud at what went so terribly wrong, describing the conduct of Robert Thompson and Jon Venables, both 10 at the time of the murder, as "cunning and very wicked" and even suggesting that violent video films might have played some part in influencing them.

For Britain, the sheer horror of the crime, reinforced by grainy photographs from store security cameras that chillingly captured the boys' abduction of 2-year-old James Bulger, has continued to tug at the

of revulsion, horror and fury, and raising members of Parliament are picking up on larger questions about society's failure to Judge Moreland's offhanded remark about protect and nurture its children.

In a way, this search to understand is dence introduced during the trial — and part of a healing process, what The Inde- are proposing an official inquiry into the pendent, a Lendon newspaper, on Thurs- effects of violent movies on youngsters. day called "a remedy for our collective trauma." In February, people were haunt- of one of the boys had rented a horror ed by the thought that what happened to movie a few weeks before the Bulger muryoung James could happen to their own der in which two young boys must battle children; now they look at the two killers. and kill a doll possessed by an evil killer and wonder if they could be their children, and dressed in toddlers' clothes.

The jury agreed with prosecutors that the two boys were capable of knowing right from wrong when they abducted and killed James. But so far, there seems to be little agreement as to why the crime happened. To Sergeant Phil Roberts, one of the Liverpool police, it was a case of a couple of bad seeds, of inherent evil. "I believe human nature spurts out freaks," he said. "These two were freaks who just found each other." One of them, Robert, was worse than the other, he said, hut together. they were a deadly combination.

nation's conscience, provoking a mixture culture that enshrines violence. Already dured a less than ideal childhood, and London University's Institute of Psychiavideo films - unsupported by any evi-The police acknowledge that the father

> But Detective Superintendent Albert Kirby, the Liverpool police official who led the inquiry, said at a press conference Wednesday night that the police had no "Child's Play 3," and doubted it played a role in the killing. Even so, Sky Television, a London-

hased cable network, announced Thursday that it was withdrawing the film from a scheduled airing Friday night as a result of the disclosures in the Bulger case. According to evidence presented in the

year. Both boys were playing booky the any expense." day of the murder.

Still, there was nothing in their social or

What makes the Bulger case so remarkable, most agree, is the fact that the crime was not a single act of impulsive behavior. but rather a sustained ordeal that took place over a period of nearly three hours, from the time the two boys lured James from his mother's side at a Liverpool shop-ping mall, bullied him on a two-and-a-half mile forced march across town to their own neighborhood, and finally bashed in his skull with bricks, stones and a 9-kilogram 20-pound) metal rod along a lonely stretch

of railroad track. bev were a deadly combination. Others see the crime as the symptom of a gence. By conventional standards, they en-Telegraph, Dr. Raj Persaud, a professor at sense of conscience.

investigators and psychiatrists question. try. said there was no simple answer. He their uphringing in poor single-parent notes that the boys show symptoms of homes where their constant truancy and what he called "psychopaths-in-waiting, misbehavior was either ignored or over-looked. Robert, for example, was absent features of hostile feelings, self-obsession, from school more than he was present last no shame, an urge to gratify their wishes at But, he said, many of their actions also

suggest little more than "childish bad bepsychological record to suggest that they havior." as they wandered aimlessly were prone to sort of barbarity that befell around the shopping mall before the abduction, throwing a toy soldier on a moving escalator and meekly accepting scoldings from adults who asked why they were not in school.

They even lied like children - badly clumsily trying to cover their tracks after they were arrested, and admitting at one point they did not want to move James's battered body off the railroad tracks where he was left, because they did not want to get in trouble for dirtying their clothes with his blood.

Dr. Persaud said the greater problem was the failure of schools, families and

France to Increase NATO Cooperation

By Barry James International Herald Tribune ized. The Europeans must be able PARIS - France will beef up its to act in situations where the Unit-

conventional forces and cooperate ed States is not willing to partici-closely with the North Atlantic pate, the sources added. Treaty Organization but believes that Europe must have the means sions and about 40,000 troops. The to intervene independently in situations where the United States is not

tary sources said Thursday. "You should not suspect us of the str wanting to undermine the alli- States. ance." a senior military planner said. "We want to see it evolve, and we are prepared to evolve with it."

NATO leaders are scheduled to hold a summit meeting in January to discuss the evolution of the orga-tions task forces, altering a long-standing policy of staying out of military conflicts. to discuss the evolution of the orga**bization**

did not support the idea of associ-ating Poland and other East European countries with the alliance, saying that it would be a mistake to give the impression that Europe

was ganging up on Russia. They said the French government believed that bringing the former Warsaw Pact countries into NATO would do nothing to im-

ern Europe. Instead, they said the East Europeans should seek greater economic and political rapprochement

According to the sources, a French white paper scheduled for publication in February will call for a continuation of the nuclear deterrent well into the next century, but will place greater emphasis on conventional forces to deal with

for now.

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UN Says Serbs Delay Food Convoys

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (Renters) - The United Nations accused Bosnian Serbs on Thursday of hampering efforts to bring food and supplies to millions of Bosnians threatened by butter winter weather. Clearly and intentionally, the Bostnian Serbs are using to delay relief aid designated for people in central Bosniz," said Peter Kessler, spokesman for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees.

A convoy carrying flour, shoes, plastic shoeting and nails for the Muslim enclave of Zepa in eastern Bossia was delayed for three hours before being allowed to continue. The delay means the macks will not return to Belgrade in time to form a couvoy for the northern Muslim city of Tuzla on Friday, a UN spokesman said in Belgrade.

Yeltsin Camp Attacks Political Ads

MOSCOW (AP) — President Boris N. Yellsio's chief spokesman complained Thursday about the proliferation of political advertising that he said was filled with "rule public insults" and "downright bad

Thirteen parties competing for political power began taking to Russia's airwayes this week in advance of parliamentary elections Dec. 12. "Potential voters are swamped with torrents of lies, inventions, social demagogy and downright bad language from television screens," said Mr. Yeltsin's spokesuan, Vyacheslav Kostikov. This is the first time Russia has had a Western-style political campaign.

Mr. Kostikov suggested that some of the political commercials were aimed at provoking Mr. Yeltsin into banning them and making him kock undemocratic. "The final goal of the provocation is clear -- to disrupt the elections and the referendum on a new constitution," he said.

Shevardnadze Promises New State

TBILISI, Georgia (AP) - Ordering inwankers to take a two-month recess, the Georgian leader, Eduard A. Shevardnadze, said Thursday that the nation would get a new constitution and a new parliament. He made the announcement at the first meeting of parliament since a state of emergency was declared in September during an insurrection in

state of emergency was declared in September during an insurrection in Western Georgia. Lawmakers had voluntarily agreed to suspend pathament for two months when they agreed to the initial state of emergency. Last week, as the end of the recess neared, Mr. Shevardnadze issued a decree extending the state of emergency until Jan. 20. He also created his own political party, the Citizen's Union.

Paris Answers China on Dalai Lama

PARIS (AFP) - The French Foreign Ministry on Thursday stressed the "pastoral and private nature" of the Dalai Lama's recent visit to France, in response to a protest from China. "In our contacts with the Chinese authorities we have reminded them

"In our contacts with the Conness automness we have reamned them of the conditions under which the Dalai Lama came to France and under which he had meetings with French officials," a ministry spokesman said. Earlier Thursday, Beijing denounced the excled Tibetan leader's meet-ing with President François Mitternand at the Elyste Palace on Nov. 16. "The French lender's meeting with him constitutes an interference in Chinese internal affairs," a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Lufthansa Weighs a No-Frills Shuttle

FRANKFURT (AP) - Lufthansa German Airlines plans to launch a no-frills airline next spring, a newspaper reported Thursday. A spokes-man for the government-controlled carrier said the report in the Munich-based Süddeutsche Zeitung was based on an obsolete proposal, but he did not deny that Lufthansa planned to create such an airline next year.

We are going to have to reckon with a European shuttle in 1994," said a Lufthansa spokesman. Josef Grendel, without confirming that his company would be offering it. He said the carrier had long been studying the idea.

With liberalized airline competition in the European Communisomeone will inevitably offer cheaper short and medium flights, Mr. Grendel said. Such a carrier would be comparable in concept to Southwest Airline, which does not offer meals or other extras and was the only U.S. carrier to make a profit last year.

Prime Minister Jean-Loc Dehaene of Belgium refused Thursday to go back on a wage freeze as unions prepared for a general strike on Friday to newly independent states of East- protest the government's austerity measures. Transportation, banking (Reuters) and industry are expected to be shut down.

nito Musselini in the mayoral race Mr. Fini, hui not enough to avoid a ROME - With the press baron in Naples. runoff.

An Anti-Fascist Mobilization in Rome

Silvio Berlusconi openly backing a The petition by 100 intellectuals. Committees sprang up in 20 cit-neofascist candidate, intellectuals including Adolfo Perez Esquivel of Argentina, the 1980 Nobel Peace head of Europe's largest media em-nursday supporting the leftist Thursday supporting the leftist laureate, said that Mr. Fini's elec-contender in the Rome mayoral tion would "encourage intolerance der for publie office. val, Carlo De Benedetti, The scandal-tainted

nation.

gorod.

EDUCATION IN FRANCE -A student shouting Thursday at policemen who were blocking access by protesters to the National

Assembly in Paris. Thousands demonstrated around France to demand more teachers and more money for the education system.

Likening Mr. Berlusconi to Mussolini's hlack-shirted Fascists, the

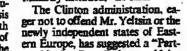
> The scandal-tainted Christian security situations in and outside of Europe, such as the civil war in the mocrats will change th

Dutch concern about weakening the strategic link with the United

is "not in general opposed to the broadening of NATO and wants the establishment of a rapid part-nership with it."

Mr. Primakov said that "some discrepancies, tactical and so on, always exist between various agencies" in every country.

"But I don't know of a single agency that has any fundamental objection to the principles explained in this report, the Foreign Ministry included," he said.



On Thursday, Denmark decided to set up a 4,500-man army brigade for use in NATO and United Na-

the alliance is effectively neutral-

The Eurocorps has three divi-

French officials said such European cooperation was likely to grow in coming years, despite British and willing to participate, senior mili-

The officials added that France

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NATO Warned

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prove their security or that of West-Asked about any such dispute,

with the European Community.

The petition coincided with a

strike by more than 200 journalists at Mr. Berlusconi's Mondadori publishing company, which produces the weekly Panorama news magazine. They said they refused to be used to further the industrialist's political amhitions.

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

Mr. Berlusconi, the president of AC Milan soccer club, touched off a national furor by publicly expressing support for Gianfranco Fini, the candidate of the ultrarightist Italian Social Movement. which is also fronting the granddaughter of the Fascist dictator Beand debunk countless myths. One



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and racist hale They urged Romans to vote for tionwide boycott campaign, urging Francesco Rutelli, who is support- consumers to avoid Mr. Berlused by the former Communist Dem- coni's three television stations, his ocratic Party of the Left. the chain of supermarkets, his real es- party leader, Mino Martinazzoli, Greens, the Radicals and hy some tate business, cinemas, financial Christian Democrats. Mr. Rutelli won 40 percent of the pers. The tycoon hacked Mr. Fini

vote in the first round of the elec- in an open letter published in newstion Sunday. 4 percent more than papers.

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of Russia's oldest cities, it is cher-

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geology that has preserved every-

day objects of wood, cloth and

But on the summer day when he

first read the love letter, Mr. Yanin,

64, found himself thinking, for

once, neither of democracy nor of

medieval trading patterns or tool-

"A person lives and dies and

suffers, and after two or three gen-

bers," Mr. Yanin said recently in

his office at Moscow State Univer-

sity, where he teaches archaeology

after Russia's short digging season

years - and suddenly we learn her

name. We read her letters. It's like a

resurrection. This is a profoundly

moving thing." Novgorod, today a medium-sized Russian city with a well-pre-

served citadel, was a state of con-

siderable size and importance

between the 11th and 15th centu-

ries, when Russia was a shifting

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While its rivals mostly battled

against cach other across the

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Novgorod managed to huild a

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making skills.

to the Popular Party in January following their shattering defeat in Sunday's municipal elections. The said the change would mark the rebirth of the Christian Democrats services, magazines and newspaas they prepare for general elections in the spring.

military, westward-looking trading

Moreover, while other parts of

Russia were moving toward the ab-

solutism embraced hy czars and

Communist tyrants. Noveorod en-

joyed a kind of aristocratic democ-

racy, with landowners often exer-

cising more influence than the

prince who was nominally in

a thick layer of clay beneath Nov-

Air and humidity are what even-

tually destroy most everyday ob-

jects, Mr. Yanin explained. If ar-

chaeology in the Middle East

depends on dryness, in Novgorod it

rated soil, and many of the objects

and wood objects is itself an impor-

tant corrective to common percep-

tions," be wrote in the Scientific

exhibits that feature objects of mel-

al, stone and glass, when 90 percent

of household objects in medieval

Like a child opening his Christ-mas presents, Mr. Yanin recently

displayed some of this year's finds,

as excited as he must have been

during his first Novgorod dig in

"How misleading are museum

American magazine in 1990.

times were made of wood!"

Water cannot drain through the

The sheer quantity of leather

is just the opposite.

are preserved.

1947.

Much of this is known thanks to

(AFP. AP, Reuters)

There was a playing die with two

faces showing four and two show-

ing five, and none showing one or

learned how to cheat?" he asked.

His team has found Christian

crosses and heathen amulets. There

were coins from Cambridge in Eng-

tium in what is now Turkey.

ters help correct that.

ing, Mr. Yanin said.

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former Yugoslavia.

They said that France was willing to cooperate in international actions in any way that was most effective, whether through NATO or directly under the command of the United Nations.

The only conditions it imposed. they said, was that it must be involved in the planning of any action and must have a role in the LETTER: Under Ancient Clay, a Lover's Complaint

command structure. France is a member of NATO hut does not officially participate in the alliance's military command. Closer collaboration does not two. "You think we only recently preclude involvement in purely European groupings such as the Western European Union, or the Franco-German Eurocorps, which also has Dutch and Belgian participa-tion, the officials said. Indeed, such

land, Cologne in Germany, Byzaninitiatives are likely to multiply if the United States further reduces There were beard combs and toy its forces and political involvement swords and oversized fishhooks in Europe. that showed, Mr. Yanin said, that

The government believes that the salmon in the Volkhov River there can be no serious NATO acwere heftier in prepollution days. tion without the participation of Most exciting for historians, French forces. But if the United however, has been the discovery States does not want to take part, over the years of 753 birch-bark

Medieval Russia was "rich in clay, so air cannot enter the satu-rated soil, and many of the objects sources," Mr. Yanin said. The let-Angolan Regime Expels **Two Zairian Diplomats**

They show, for example, that literacy was more widespread than previously believed, and that Nov-LUANDA, Angola - The govcrament said Thursday it was exgorod's artisans and traders were pelling two Zairian diplomats for "activities incompatible with their more sophisticated and far-rangdiplomatie status in Angola," a

Only about 2 percent of Novgo-rod has been excavated, Mr. Yanin Foreign Ministry spokesman said. The ministry gave the two men 48 said; at least 20,000 more birchhours to leave, the spokesman said. bark letters must ... waiting below The government accuses Zaire of aiding rebels of the National Union

"When the number we have disfor the Total Independence of Ancovered doubles or triples, we will gola who took up arms again after know a lot that we cannot even losing UN-supervised elections in imagine today," the professor said. September 1992.

nership for Peace" that could mvolve Eastern and Central European countries in joint exercises and meetings, but with no expansion of NATO membership

Ideas like the "Partnership for Peace" will be discussed at a NATO summit meeting in January. Mr. Primakov said he believed that NATO would decide in principle at that January meeting, to expand beyond its current 16 members, which include Western European countries, the United States and Canada

Mr. Primakov said he was not worried about NATO's expansion as a springboard from which to attack Russia. That sort of "primitive thinking" is not widespread in the new Russia, he said, adding "NATO today is not the NATO of the Cold War period."

"But this does not remove the question of the military-security intcrests of the Russian Federation," he said.

He said he understood that NATO was moving away from its Cold War role in opposition to the disbanded Warsaw Pact. But the transition is not very fast, be said, and Russia has its own interests to protect

Russia would be less concerned. Mr. Primakov said, if it had guarantees that NATO was moving more quickly toward a post-Cold War political role and away from its former military one, or at least if its "political functions and geographical scope expanded in paral-

"But such guarantees are lack-

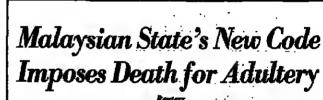
ing," he said. The question is: Will the expansion of NATO membership by itself promote its transformation into a political instrument that will be adequate to the tasks of the post-confrontation period? The analysis of the Foreign Intelligence Service say 'no.' "

Workers in London's northern and en stem suburbs rode buses of walked to work after large sections of the Underground remained closed while engineers hunted through miles of cabling for a power fault that stranded 20,000 passengers on Wednesday. (Reuters)

Paris-area transport services face disruption on Friday because of a demonstration by unions protesting the budget to be voted in the morning by the board of the RATP transport company. Between 10 A.M. and 2 P.M., only 50 percent of trains are expected to be running on the urban Metro. Service will be about the same or a little more frequent on the suburban RER network, and at 70 percent on buses. The rest of the day is expected to be more or less normal. (AFP)

Employees at the French domestic aidine Air Inter held a 10-hour strike Thursday to protest what the unions termed a "brutal deregulation" plan. The airline said 10 to 15 flights out of 40 scheduled were being canceled because of the strike, which was to last from 2 P.M. to midnight. (AFP)

Citihank has informed holders of its AAdvantage Visa or Mastercard that starting Jan. 1 they will be limited to 60,000 miles - redeemable for tickets on American Airlines - each calendar year. Credits are accumulated according to purchases made with the cards. (IHT)



KUALA LUMPUR - A Malaysian state approved Islamic laws Thursday that prescribe amputation for theft and death by stoning for adultery.

All 36 legislators in Kelantan in northeastern Malaysia, including two from Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad's governing Na-tional Front coalition, voted in favor of the Islamic criminal code.

The National Front's representative, Wan Najib Wan Mohamad. told the state assembly he supported the bill because "I knew and understood that whosoever rejected the law of Allah would not be free from the offense of tyramy, paganism and atheism." But in order for Islamic law to take effect in Kelantan, the lederal

constitution would have to be changed, officials said. The constitution can only be amended by the national parliament,

iominated by the National Front. A Front member of parliament who represents a Kelantan constituency, Ibrahim Ali, said that the body was unlikely to approve the legislation.

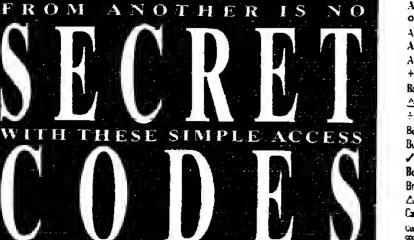
The legislation in Kelantan would apply only to Muslims, but non-Muslims can also choose to be governed by it. It requires amputation of the right hand for first-time thieves and amputation of the left foot for second offenders. Repeat offenders would be jailed. Those guilty of being drunk can be caned up to 80 times.

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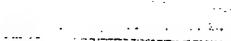
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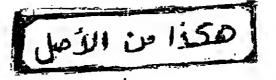
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Prosecution of FBI Agents Possible in Idaho Standoff

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New York Times Service WASHINGTON - The bloody standoff between the FBFs eite paramilitary-force and a white separatist in Idaho has produced one of the largest and most wrenching internal inquiries ever conducted by the Justice Department, threatening some of the country's top law-enforcement. officials with criminal prosecution.

The far-reaching inquiry, which has been miler way for weeks but has remained largely unknown, centers on the operation. at a remote ndge in August 1992 by the top managers, agents, prosecutors and for-Hostage Rescue Team, the FBI unit mer officials that they could face civil or trained to capture terrorists, hostage-takers and other violent criminals with minimal casualtres.

The rescue unit was sent to the Idaho: mountain after a confrontation between the white separatist, Randall Weaver, and federal marshals in which a federal agent and Mr. Weaver's 14-year-old son were billed:

The next day a sniper from the rescue team shot and killed Mr. Weaver's wife, Vichi, who was in the doorway of their ton official involved in allowing the agents cabin holding their 10-month-old daughter. She was not considered a threat, and the FBI later acknowledged that she had been shot by mistake. After a 10-day siege, Mr. Weaver surrendered.

Deputy Attorney General Philip Hey-mann, who is supervising the inquiry, de-Hudson, a former director of the U.S. Marscribed it as a top-to-bottom review of the shals Service.

People who have been interviewed by reopic who have been interviewed by government agents in the course of the inquiry said it was focusing on whether officials misjudged the danger the agents faced and knowingly violated the agency's limits on the use of deadly force by killing

Mrs. Weaver. The inquiry also is examining whether officials failed to consider less aggressive tactics and later closed ranks to avoid scru-

tiny of their actions. Investigators from the Office of Professional Responsibility, the Justice Department's internal ethics unit, have warned criminal charges, including obstruction of justice and violations of civil rights law.

The investigation has begun to reach the highest officials in the FBI and the Justice Department in the Bash administration, although investigators say many of the officials they interviewed were not likely to be charged.

Among those questioned is Larry Potts, head of the FBI's criminal investigative division, who is the most senior Washingto shoot without provocation, a change in procedures that led to the death of Mrs. Weaver.

Other officials who have been ques-tioned include George Terwilliger 3d, a

Investigators say they also will talk to

who announced Wednesday he was retiring. Officials said his departure was unre-lated to the inquiry.

In interviews with The New York Times, Mr. Barr, Mr. Terwilliger and Mr. Sessions

The probe is focusing on whether officials knowingly violated the agency's limits on the use of deadly force.

said they were not directly involved in the decisions that led to Mrs. Weaver's death. The FBI director, Louis Freeh, would not permit any bureau officials to comment on the case.

"Complex legal issues should not he pre-judged," he said. "My priorities are firm: that the complete truth be discovered about this case, that the truth be given to about this case, that the truth be given to about this case, that the truth be given to Nine days later. Mr. Weaver and a fam-the courts and the public, and that the law ily friend, Kevin Harris, both of whom be fully upheld." Some FBI officials said they also feared

that a separate investigation by a state charged them with killing Marshal Degan, prosecutor in Boundary County, Idaho, where the incident took place, could lead to homicide charges against FBI agents. The Hostage Rescue team has achieved Icd.

William Barr, a former autorney general; near heroic status within the FBI and at the William Sessions, a former FBI director, Justice Department. Team members have and Floyd Clarke, the FBI's No, 2 official, taken part in dozens of operations, includ-ment, Agents who took part in the operataken part in dozens of operations, includ- ment. Agents who took part in the operaing a 1991 case when they stormed a prison tion defend their actions and regard the cell block to free a hostages without firing a inquiry as unfair second-guessing of those who place themselves at nisk to uphold the

Earlier this year, the team's performance law, was heavily criticized after it led the tear-

Some including Richard Rogers, its gas assault on the Branch Davidian com- commander, have refused to cooperate pound near Waco, Texas. It ended when with investigators. the compound caught fire and at least 75 The questions a

The questions about the FBI's conduct come more than a year after an initial Now, after the two deadly incidents, agency officials are planning changes in review by the bureau itself, in September 1992, justified the killing of Mrs. Weaver on grounds that she had willfully placed herself in harm's way.

The hostage team was called into the Idaho case on Aug. 21, 1992, after William Degan, a decorated U.S. marshal, was killed in a shoot-out on Ruby Ridge with attack the Branch Davidians with tear gas Mr. Weaver and two others that left Mr. by saying that the bourses with tear gas Weaver's son, Sarouel, dead. The marshals ugued after the 51-day siege.

had been preparing to arrest Mr. Weaver Mr. Weaver's troubles with the law be gan when agents from the Treasury's Bu-That evening the FBI hostage team flew reau of Alcobol. Tobacco and Firearms to Idaho, and it encircled the Weaver cabin maneuvered him into selling two illegal the next day. Then, acting under the re- sawed-off shotguns to undercover agents. laxed restrictions on the use of force, an In 1991, a court clerk's error led authorities to mail bim a summons with the wrong date for a court hearing. He became a federal fugitive when he failed to appear at were wounded by FBI agents, surrendered. Federal prosecutors in Boise, Idabo, the hearing. Federal marshals then spent months planning how to arrest him.

Months before his death, Marshal De-But in July, after the prosecution case all gan bad warned senior officials in Washington that any attempt to storm Mr. but collapsed under contradictions, Mr. Weaver and Mr. Harris were both acquit-Weaver's cabin and arrest him could be very dangerous.

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White House Health Cost Figures Called Low

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WASHINGTON - If President Bill Clinton's health plan were fully implemented in 1994, the average total employer-employee premiums for health insurance coverage would be higher than estimated by the White House — in one example by as much as 53 percent - according to a study by Hewitt Associates, a large employee-benefits consulting firm.

The study, outlined at a meeting of the House Energy and Commerce subcommittee on health this week, was based on 1990 to 1991 claims data for millions of employees working at more than 2000 primarily large firms advised by Hewitt. The Clinton administration has estimated that the average plan

for a single adult would have a total premium of \$1,932 a year if fully in effect in 1994, but Hewitt calculated that the figure would be \$2,337, or 21 percent higher.

For an adult couple, the administration estimate is \$3,865 but Hewiit's figure is \$4.674, or 21 percent higher. For a single parent with children the Clinton average premium estimate is \$3,893, Hewitt's \$4.434 - 14 percent higher.

And for the average two-parent family with children, the adminis-tration estimate is \$4.360 while Hewitt's is \$6.662, 53 percent higher.

Although Hewitt officials believe their patient data base to be reasonably typical, Kenneth E. Thorpe, deputy assistant secretary of Health and Human Services, disagreed. He said the Hewitt figures were based on a sample of large companies whose employee costs are often higher than the national average because they are found in locations with higher medical costs and because employee characteristics are often different from the overall population. (WP)

Full Disclosure Sought of Iran-Contra Report

WASHINGTON -- Several journalistic and research organizations have asked a special panel of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals here for "full disclosure" of independent counsel Lawrence E. Walsh's final report on the Iran-contra scandal,

The report was submitted to the special court under seal on Aug. 5. but those criticized in the three-volume document have been given until Dec. 3 to respond and reportedly seek suppression of at least some portions of it. Some sources have said it contains sharp criticisms of former presidents Ronald Reagan and George Bush. among others.

The Society of Professional Journalists, the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press and the National Security Archive asked that the report be released in full in an emergency motion filed with the three-judge panel, which is in charge of independent counsels.

Mr. Walsh is required by law to set forth "fully and completely" an account of his work, including both the disposition of the cases brought and "the reasons for not prosecuting any matter" within his junsdiction during the 6^{2/2}-year inquiry. In voting last week to renew the independent counsel law, the

Senate wiped out the provision permitting an explanation of why some cases were not prosecuted. Senator Bob Dole of Kansas, the minority leader and an outspoken critic of Mr. Walsh, sponsored the change, saying a special prosecutor should not he "blasting the very people he failed to convict." The House is not scheduled to act on the measure until next year. (WP)

Clinton Extends Unemployment Banefits

WASHINGTON -- A million jobless Americans are due to get an extension of their unemployment benefits under legislation President Clinton has signed to provide \$1.1 billion for long-term unemployed workers.

Mr. Clinton said that despite improvement in the nation's economic outlook, the recovery is not solid enough to justify ending the Emergency Unemployment Compensation program for people who exhaust regular unemployment benefits.

"It is therefore appropriate that we extend EUC to provide support to help unemployed workers pay their grocery bills and other living expenses while they seek new employment." he said in a IAP statement

Chef Who Cooked at Summit Had Hepatitis

SEATTLE - A hotel chef who cooked for President Bill Clinton and foreign dignitaries at the Asia-Pacific economic forum last week found out later that he has a form of hepatitis, health officials said.

Seattle-King County Public Health Department officials said the risk that the illness would spread appeared slight. Dr. Russell Alexander, chief of epidemiology, said the chef worked exclusively ith foods cooked at high temperatures and had excellent hygiene. conditions that reduce the risk of transmission "If the chef was someone who had his hands in the salad or making sushi, then we would've had a big problem." Dr. Alexander said. "We feel confident that this situation does not pose any risk to the conference participants or anyone else."



Attorney General Janet Reno, President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore appland James and Sarah Brady at the White House after the passage of a gun control bill the couple crusaded for.

Brady Welcomes 'His' Gun-Control Bill Compiled by Our Staff Frain Dispa WASHINGTON - "How sweet it is," said James S. Brady, learning that the Senate had finally enacted the Brady gun-con-

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trol bill. The measure for the first time sets a minimum nationwide reourement that prospective gun purchasers wait five business days while authorities run a personal background check on them. Mr. Brady was White House. press secretary when he was wounded in the assassination attempt on President Ronald Reagan in 1981. Because of the crusading by him and his wife, Sarah, the legislation was named for them.

Meeting in the Oval Office with the Bradys after the Senate acted Wednesday, President Bill Chinton said he would sign the bill early next week. The presi-dent described the measure as "a" beginning in what must be a long and relentless assault on the problems of crime and violence in. this country."

The hill passed the House and Senate in different versions. Senate Republicans threatened to block the text that emerged from

Over Rushdie Visit International Herald Tribune WASHINGTON - The State Department has urged U.S. embassies to alert Americans to possible unrest as a result of President Bill this case." Clinton's White House meeting with Salman Rushdie, the Britisb

State Dept. Warns

Americans Abroad

novelist under a death sentence pronounced by Muslim fundamen-David Johnson, a State Department spokesman, said Thursday that "all diplomatic posts" had been told to alert American citizens to "take precautions as local cir-

Mr. Johnson said he knew of no

much passion for the case they have. One of the remarkable things about today's meetings is that they seem to have a genuine passion for

Mr. Rushdie and his plight. While George Busb did issue a statement condemning the Iranian farwa, or death sentence, on Mr. Rushdie, both Mr. Bush and then-Secretary of State James A. Baker 3d expressed little interest in meeting

cumstances require."

specific threats against Americans as a result of Mr. Clinton's brief meeting on Wednesday with the author of "Satanic Verses," a novel some Muslims consider blasphemous

A White House official said earlier: "The president and others reaffirmed to Rushdie our support for the principle of freedom of ex-pression and said we stand firmly with him in the face of the forces of

ent ways to the State Department advisory. In Europe, where the Muslim population is small, no warning was broadcast. In areas of the world where Muslims are pre-

possible.

This is a far cry from the view the previous administration took of

dominant, alerts were issued.

The U.S. Embassy in Islamabad. Pakistan, for example, was calling U.S. residents to warn them of possible "terrorist or mobaction," telling them to stay away from known trouble spots, to avoid going out and to try to be as inconspicuous as

with the author. U.S. embassies reacted in differ-

Senate-House conference, an only dropped their opposition when they were promised the chance to amend the legislation when Congress reconvenes in. January. The bill:

· Requires a five-business-day waiting period before an individual can buy a handgun. · Requires local law enforce-

ment to research state, local and national records to check the eli-

gibility of the would-be buyer. Among those prohibited are convicted felons, fugitives, minors, the mentally incompetent, drug and alcohol addicts and illegal immigrants. Records used for checks are destroyed after 20 days

asked to do so by an unsuccessful Authorizes spending \$200 buyer. · Requires that state and local million a year in grants to help

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state laws, including California's 15-day waiting period. (WP. LAT, NYT)

They were told to keep away Ever since Iran's late leader, the from the weekly Friday bazaar, a Ayatollah Rubollah Khomeini, favorite shopping spot in Islam-ahad, because Friday midday praysentenced the author to death for blasphemy, Mr. Rushdie bas been ers might provide an opportunity soliciting support from various for Muslim clerics to give sermons condemning Mr. Rushdie that could he followed by anti-U.S. "What really struck me was the

degree of personal warmth and friendship that came from the presdemonstrations. Several people were killed when ideut." Mr. Rushdie said at a news conference after his meetings with police officers opened fire on an U.S. officials Wednesday. "The thing I've looked for in politicians anti-Rusbdie demonstration outside the U.S. Information Service office in Islamabad in 1989. is not bow well they speak, but how

Quote / Unquote

President Clinton, on receiving a live 50-pound Thanksgiving turkey from the National Turkey Federation: "Somebody pointed out this morning that this may not be the only turkey I've had in my administration, but this is one I will certainly set free. It is my first presidential pardon." (AP)

North Korea Hopeful on Nuclear Issue

· · · · · Agence France-Press UNITED NATIONS. New York - North Korea expects a dispute over inspections of its nu-clear facilities to be resolved soon, according to the North Korean am-bassador to the United Nations. "I am not going into the details, but I am optimistic," said the am-bassador, Pak Gil Yon, after a meeting of North Korean and U.S. officials here. "I think things can be resolved soon."

North Korea's deputy ambassador. Ho Jong, and Tom Hubbard of the State Department's Asia Paof the United Nations on Wednes-

The meeting gave the United States an opportunity to brief North Korea on its new initiative, reached during a two-day visit to Washington by President Kim Young Sam of South Korea to dis-cuss North Korea's refusal to allow the International Atomic Energy Agency to ensure that it is not de-Veloping nuclear weapons.

The new U.S. approach is intended to seek a comprehensive so-lution to issues dividing the United States and North Kores, which could mean simultaneous discussion of inspections, resumption of talks between North and South Korea, scaling down or coding joint U.S. South Korean military exercises, coopornic relations and diplomatic relations.

The U.S.-North Korean meeting was part of a series of new contacts aimed at normalizing relations, ac-cording to the State Department spokesman, Michael McCurry.

Mr. McCurry said he did not expect any immediate reaction from North Korea despite Presi-dent Bill Clinton's evident concern to resolve the matter immediately. In Secol, the state-run Korea Broadcasting System radio said that Mr. Kim and Mr. Clinton had made a secret deal over North Rorea during their talks.

• A woman who said she was sexually abused by a priest settled her lawsuit against the Archdiocese of Santa Fe for \$600,000. Elaine Montoya, 34, said she was abused more than 300 times as a teenager by the Reverend Arthur Perrault, who fied his Albuquerque parish more than a year ago. His whereabouts are unknown. A grand jury decided not to indict him on criminal charges.

o Dr. Jack Kevorkian received 20 canisters of carbon monoxide ga receipts seized from an associate indicate. Anthorities made the search as part of an investigation into the last two suicides Dr ... Kevorkian has wimessed, the Oakland County prosecutor, Richard Thompson, said in Detroit. The receipts were seized from the home and business of Neal Nicol, the prosecutor said.

. Los Angeles will withdraw its float from the Rose Parade on New Vear's Day in 1995 unless the Tournament of Rose I state to a for a second to a second to

· Predictions of a major quake in Southern California are too high, according to a scientific panel charged with assessing quake proba-bilities for Southern California. The panel dismissed forecasts of a 60 percent chance that a big earthquake would strike the San Andreas fault in the next 30 years, and said a lower probability would be AP. Reuters, LAT announced next year.

U.S. Vows to Enforce Airwave Rules

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Minor Changes Follow Court Ban on 'Indecency' Code

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standards."

By Paul Farhi

Washington Past Service Washington Past Service .WASHINGTON - A day alter the government's "indecency" rules were tossed out by a federal appeals court, the chief regulator of the nation's radio and TV airwaves said he still intended to enforce a ban on raunchy programs.

James H. Quello, interim chair-man of the Federal Communications Commission, indicated that the agency would pursue two new indecency complaints against Howard Stern, a radio "shock jock" who has been the object of five previous FCC fines.

The action followed a ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals in Wash-ington that declared unconstitutional the FCC's policy of banning the broadcast of programs with indecent content between 6 A.M. and midnight

The three-judge panel said the terest in keeping such material 3-hour ban was too broad and away from children. 18-hour ban was too broad and violated broadcasters' rights under

Opponents of the FCC policy noted that the court also called on the FCC to hold a "full and fair Mr. Quello said the FCC would bearing" to lay out the times at now enforce a ban from 6 A.M. to 8 which indecent speech may he broadcast, to better define "chil-It had already been following that schedule while the 18-hour dren" and to supply more specific information on how many children prohibition was under review. are in the audience for specific pro-The FCC defines broadcast ingrams.

decency as language or material describing "sexual or excretory ac-Mr. Quello's stint as head of the agency ends Monday, when Reed Hundt, a Washington lawyer. is to tivities or organs" in terms which are "patently offensive as meabe sworn in as chairman.

sured by contemporary community Mr. Stern, whose freewheeling. nationally syndicated radio pro-gram bas drawn a total of \$1.2 While the court did not question this definition, it did say that the FCC had failed to properly balance million in fines since 1988, is the object of two new "actionable" complaints stemming from broadthe rights of adults to receive concasts in August and Octoher, Mr. stitutionally protected indecent Quello said. speech against the government's in-

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Democracy Camp in Hong Kong Doubts Britain's Resolve

of the British Even when they may Hinting that some form of re-be doing right by us we are suspi-cions of them because of the past." year and 1995 would be presented

A British source admitted that to the legislature soon, the source the democracy group, which makes said: "We're now right up against intentions for the colony, which it the democracy group, which makes is to hand back to China in 1997. up about a third of the council's 60 our timetable." At the last session last week, dif-

good," said Christine Loh, an inde-pendent member of the Legislative Council. "It's a very sad indictment line," he said. "This is not true. ferences herween Britain and Chi-na had widened and on Tuesday Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd summoned Chinese ambassador Ma Yuzhen to express his concern

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Egypt Prime Minister Escapes Bombing

By Chris Hedges New York Times Service

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CAIRO - The Muslim militant group Jihad exploded a powerful car bomb in a northern suburb of Cairo on Thursday in an attempt to assassinate Prime Minister Atel Sedki, according to Egyptian officials and a communique issued by the radical group.

The minister was uninjured, but an 11year-old girl was killed in the explosion and about a dozen people were hurt, the police said, including another child who was wounded seriously.

Mr. Sedki said that these who had tried to kill him were "wicked."

"They will not escape from us." he said. speaking of the militants. "They will never escape. I am sorry to say this, but we will use all means now to get rid of them."

tional news agencies, the militant group Jihad Center in New York. said that it carried out the attack, which took place as the prime minister's motorcade was pulling out of his residence.

It said the attack bad been carried out "to revenge the blood of the martyrs executed by the military courts."

Jihad is one of two main radical Islamic groups that carry out attacks against the government. It was blamed for the 1981 assassination of President Anwar Sadat.

The message also warned U.S. authorities not to "harm any of our Islamic scholars, such as the boly warrior and scholar Dr. Omar Abdel Rahman."

Sheikh Abdel Rahman, a militant Egyptian eleric, is in prison in the United States awaiting trial on charges of involvement in about 500 meters from the blast site.

In a handwritten message faxed to interna- the Feb. 26 bombing of the World Trade

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The campaign by Muslim militants to topple the government has been going on for two years and has taken the lives of more than 210 people and wounded more than 500 others. The government has arrested hundreds of suspected militants in the past few mooths and dozens more have died in gunbattles with police. A year ago President Hosni Mubarak began transferring the trials of militants to military courts. The special courts have sen-tenced 38 militants to death.

Police officials said that one of the two cars that was demolished to the attack had been filled with explosives and detonated as the prime minister's motorcade passed. A security officer on the scene said the explosion went off minutes after Mr. Sedki left his home.

Qassam commanders in the past 18 months.

close to God.""

Quoting Mr. Aqel, the communique said: "We will never forget his famous words. 'Kill-

Ori Orr, head of the Israeli parliament's for-

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day and sometimes more frequent-This hypothesis contradicts ly than that Churchill's account of how he learned of the Japanese attack. report dated September 1942 is a which killed and wounded 4.575 terse item headed "reports on Americans and resulted in the loss of 19 ships and 120 aircraft, badly deaths in German prison camps during August." Four camps are crippling the U.S. war effort.

In the third volume of his war memoirs, "The Second World War." Churchill ootes that he was having dinner on Dec. 7 at his country home in Chequers with John Winant, the American ambassador, and Averell Harriman, Roosevent's special EDVOY. when they turned on the news and beard

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deaths of millions of Jews in gas chambers was indeed unique ---signants from the former Soviet Union more than doubled from just as there are many historically 1989 to 1992, to about 664,000, unsome events. "The postwar period finally endmaking them the largest group in Israel, the Central Bureau of Statised with German unification, and the time has come to put this event tics said in perspective."

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ing Israeli soldiers is a worship by which we get Harbor. We are all in the same boat BOW.

"some few sentences ... regarding an attack by the Japanese on American shipping at Hawaii." They sat Churchill went to telephone the president who replied: "It's quite

The prime minister writes of

main offense had been that, as an Eastern German Protestant church lawyer, he did not tailor his views to fit the accepted clickés and hypocrisies of decent political discourse in Western Germany, where many Easterners still feel nobody speaks for them. Mr. Heitmann's attempts to ex-

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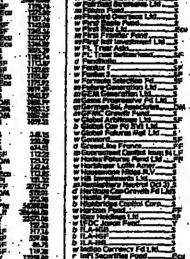
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plain his views often made them seem more offensive. He spoke of Germany being "overrun by for-

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Israeli Forces Wound 34 in Gaza Strip Protests

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GAZA CITY, Israeli-Occupied Gaza Strip - Israeli soldiers shot and wounded at least 34 Palestinians in the Gaza Strip oo Thursday in a series of protests provoked by the killing of a Muslim militant commander, bospitals said.

They were the most violen) demonstrations since Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization signed a peace agreement in Septem-

Undercover soldiers on Wednesday killed

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Imad Aqel, military commander of the north-ern Gaza Strip for the Qassam brigades of the militant Islamie resistance movement Hamas. Hamas, the PLO's main rival and an ardent foe of the peace deal, sent out hundreds of activists to block roads, ordered a three-day mourning strike and vowed to avenge Mr.

Agel's death. In a military communique addressed to the

Israeli Army chief, Ehud Barak, the Qassam brigades recalled their kidnapping and killing

Continued from Page 1 Germans with each other. Mr. Heitmann's supporters said that his Discussing his view that Ger-mans should not be singled out for special treatment any longer nearly

Another intercepted document recounts a meeting between the Jepanese ambassador in Berlin and do."

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Anthony Burgess, 76, Author **Of 'Clockwork Orange,' Dies**

By Herbert Mitgang New York Times Service

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Mr. Burgess wrote more than 50 books and dozens of musical compositions, from operas, choral works and song cycles to sympho-nics and concertos. He also wrote radio and TV scripts, as well as countless articles. His last book, "A Mouthful of Air," is about langnage.

"I call myself a professional writer in that I must write in order to eat, and I am not ashamed to be- tered heavy criticism because of its long to the 'Grub Street' coirater-. nity which Dr. Johnson honored,". he told the Paris Review in 1973. "But primarily I call myself a serious novelist who is attempting to extend the range of subject matter available to fiction; and a practitioner who is anxious to exploit words much as a poet does."

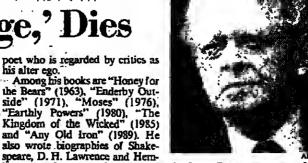
Tracing the origins of his work has done it again, another finny and beliefs, he said: "I was brought farce." Nonetheless, he conceded, up a Catholic, became an agnostic,

By Herbert Mitgang New York Times Servee Anthony Burgess, 76, the prolific English novelist, composer, libret-tist, essayist, translator and lin-the world has much solace to offer with a solace to offer the solace to offer t mist, whose novel "A Clockwork" - love food, music, the immense

> "A Clockwork Orange" (1962) tells the story of a murderous, Beeingway and two autobiographies, "Little Wilson and Big God" (1987) and "You've Had Your thoven-loving teenage gang leader in a complacent and conformist future. Roving bands of delinquents Time" (1990). fight, steal and rape to assert their freedom. It is written in a dialect of the author's invention, called nad-

rac." The movie version, directed by Stanley Kobrick in 1971, encoun-Carmen. violent scenes. It was eventually withdrawn. It. cannot be legally shown anywhere in Britain. Mr. Burgess once professed surprise about his reputation as 6 comic novelist.

"One writes in grim earnest," he said, "only to discover that when my work is published that Burgess "I think that I'm a comic writer." flirted with Islam and now hold a His bumorous novels center on program for the armed forces and position which may be termed the exploits of F.X. Enderby, a in 1948 he became a lecturer in



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Anthony Burgess wrote at least 50 novels and 15 other works.

honetics at Birmingham Universi-

His television scripts include "Moses the Lawgiver" and "Jesus of Nazareth." For the stage, he did translations of "Cyrano de Berge-In 1942, Mr. Burgess married Llewela Isherwood Jones, a distant relative of Christopher Isherwood. The hrutality depicted in "A Clock-work Orange" stemmed in part, he "Oedipus the King" and He was born in Manchester, edusaid, from an assault on her during cated at Bishop Bilsborrow School, World War II in London that rea Xaverian college, and graduated from Manchester University in sulted in the loss of their expected child. She died in 1948. That year, 1940. He joined the Britisb Army be married Liliana Macellan, 15 Education Corps, in which he years his junior, who was teaching

linguistics at Cambridge. served as musical director of a unit He worked in the Ministry of Education, 1948-50, and as an eduentertaining troops in Europe. He was stationed for three years in Gibraltar, which became the set- cation officer in Malaya and Bruting of his first novel, "A Vision of nei, 1954-59, also found time to Battlements" (1965). After the war, teach in the United States as 6 he taught in an adult education visiting fellow at Princeton, 1970-program for the armed forces and 71, and at City College of New York. 1972-73.

BIG BLUES: The Unmaking of IBM By Paul Carroll. 375 pages. \$24. Crown. Reviewed by Stephen Manes

THE "computer-on-a-chip" mi-L croprocessor and the small. cheap machines it made possible hy the mid-1970s struck oot only at the big-computer beart of IBM but also at lucrative appendages typewriters, word processors, com-

puter terminals. In the overblown rhetoric typical of "Big Blues." Paul Carroll calls the company's almost inevitable decline "a sort of Greek tragedy." Tragedy? Only if you consider the stuffed shirts of American business the spiritual heirs of ancient kings. prefer plodding near-monopoly to fast-moving choice, or hold IBM eqmity or employment, A more relevant literary analogy is Ring Lard-ner's "In Conference": Sequestered in their sixth meeting of a 12-conference day, the officers of an "efficiency" firm endlessly dither over ac-

cepting a letter with two cents' postage due - and miss out on the news that one of their wives is about to nm off with another man. Faced with a world of change. IBM's stodgy, insular executives (not unlike those at General Motors) fretted, fiddled, minded their perks and watched market share and profits disappear - or so "Big Blues" purports to tell us. Unfortunately, Carroll's hindsightful insistence on portraying every IBM set-back as a foredoomed disaster. every IBM success as a fortuitous

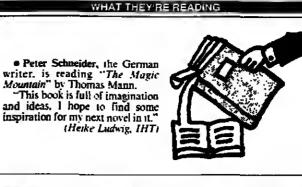
software back a year. exception and every IBM competitor and ex-employee as a business or technical genius tends to distort the oichire.

so does his focus on personal grammer" single-handedly discov- leaps to a stunningly unwarranted ered the crucial technical hreak- conclusion: "If IBM had gone for

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and East was happy to double. West led the spade king and shifted to the club nine. With the actual lie South should have played the queen, cotting the defender's communications, but he played low from dummy, fearing a five-card clob holding on his right. East played low and South won with the king and finessed the diamond queen. If this had won be could have emerged with five tricks, but East produced the king and led his remaining spade. West took his ace and played his last trump, allowing East to pull all the trumps. On the last round dummy

gave up a heart. A heart was led to the king and the ace, and South should now have



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computers. IBM's traditional profit through that made Windows 3.0 centers have been its big main-frames and minicomputers, but truth the physicist Murray Sargent is also a world-class program "Big Blues" pays them scant attennon. It's like covering the Coca- and worked closely with Micro-Cola Company and discussing soft's hrilliant David Weise. Carroll reports that top 1BM ex-

Worse, Carroll retails dubious, ecutives were often uninterested in irrelevant and downright bogus computers; apparently he shares the varns, particularly from Microsoft trait. Of the machines competitive with the original IBM PC, he claims - whose long, intimate relationship with IBM has hit the skids and that they "generally used tapes for whose 10p PR image-polisher is data storage" when in fact they genamong the few people cited in the erally used disks, and that they "could produce only characters, not book's acknowledgments. Carroll "could produce only characters, not resurrects such phony Bill Gates "mages" when in fact the Apple II made its early reputation as a graphics-based game machine. His gaffes extend to operating systems, mo-dems and machines such as the EO, which he deems "tiny"; in an age of shirt-pocket computers, the smallest realizing that it is pure Gatesian EO model takes up more desk space hyperbole and, among many other than his hardcover book. errors of chronology, extends

Carroll's opinions, crafted to paint IBM in as bad a light as Gates's "visionary" powers hy moving the beginnings of the develpossible, are as suspect as his facts. opment of Microsoft's Windows After relating that Mitch Kapor, the founder of Lotus Develop-Scholars will need overtime pay ment, practically begged IBM to take exclusive marketing rights to to correct the record presented his Lotus 1-2-3 spreadsheet," he here. That a "physicist, not a pro-

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lions of dollars of revenue over the years.... IBM would have had the whole PC industry under its thumb." The far more likely sce-

nario (as hinted in "Big Blues" by a

Lotus insider) is that IBM would have botched 1-2-3 as borribly as

In emphasizing IBM's many unity boncheaded decisions. Carroll fails

to account for the fact that the com-

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1BM, though currently hemorrhag-ing money, still does more than \$60

billion worth of business each year

and sells more personal computers than any other firm. Given that

IBM, unlike Apple or Microsoft or

Compaq, had to deal with the wrenching problem of cheap little

computers impinging on an existing high-profit hig-computer business.

has fared so poorly of late, but that

Stephen Manes, co-author of

Gates: How Microsoft's Mogul Re-

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A.D. Langmuir, Public Health Pioneer

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New York Timer Service. Alexander D. Langmuir, 83, a. leader in public health who is cred-ited with saving hundreds of thousands of lives through his innovations in controlling epidemics, died of kidney cancer Monday in Baltimore,

In 1949, Dr. Langmuir created a corps of epidemiologists at what is now the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. The corps was ready to fly anywhere immediately to investigate reports of an epidemic or an unusual cluster of cases. Known as the Epidemic Intelligence Service, the program played a crucial role in ... turning what was then a small oper-ation into a large federal agency. From 1949 to 1970, Dr. Langepidemiologist. When he retired, he taught at Harvard Medical School. until 1977. In 1988 he returned to teach at Johns Hopkins, where he had carned a degree in public bealth

As the government's chief disease detective, he created the con-starred Glenn Ford, cept of surveillance for infectious James Starre 99 diseases. The agency uses it to track dozens of diseases and to analyze patterns to take steps to prevent clusters and outbreaks from be-

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health departments.

It is through such investigations and America, died Monday in Tis-that scientists at the disease centers bury, England. He was in frail discovered the bacterium that health after he broke a hip several causes Legionnaire's disease, iden- months ago, a friend said. tified ioxic shock syndrome, and last week reported isolating and growing the strain of Hantavirus that causes a fatal illness first re- er of a widely read study of Europe ported among Navajo Indians in New Mexico this year.

William Clark Brinkley, 76, Wrote of Navy and Sea Life New York Times Service

William Clark Brinkley, 76, z novchist known for his books about the U.S. Navy and the sea, died Monday in McAllen, Texas, near the Gulf of Mexico. He had taken an overdose of barbiturates. A friend said he had been clinically co. She lived in Moscow. depressed for a long time.

His best-known work is "Don't Go Near the Water," a 1956 bestseller that satirizes navy public relations in a Pacific backwater late in the war. The 1957 movie version

James Stern, 88, Author Of Stories and Translator New York Times Service

James Stern, 88, an British-Irish coming epidemics. The agency also critic and writer of short stories

responds to requests from state 'that traced his wanderings through Grammys, he won the award in the British Isles, Africa, the Pacific 1986 for his collaboration with Robert Cray and Johnny Copeland bury, England. He was in frail on "Showdown."

> Walter Northway, 117, a tribal chief in the eastern part of Alaska's He was the anthor of more than interior, died Sunday in the village 50 short stories, a translator of near the Canadian border that many German writers and the writbears his name. The Athabascan Indian leader was the oldest known fter World War II. Mr. Stern lived Alaskan

in New York for two decades, start-Bruno Rossi, 88, an authority on cosmic rays and a retired professor of physics at the Massachusetts In-Tatiana Nikolayeva, Pianist stitute of Technology, died of cardiac arrest Sunday in Cambridge, Who Played Bach, Dies at 69

Massachusetts. Brace Johnson, 48, one of dog-Tatiana Nikolayeva, 69, a Russled racing's best-known mushers, sian pianist respected for her interdied after his sled fell through a pretations of the music of Bach and frozen lake while he was training, Shostakovich, died of a cerebral the police said Tuesday in Whiteaneurism Monday in San Francishorse, Yukon. In 1986 he became the only Canadian to win the 1,000-Jacques Leiser, her American

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nanager, said she suffered a cere-Quest race between Whitehorse bral hemorrhage during a recital Nov. 13 at the San Francisco Music and Fairbanks, Alaska.

Center. She was being treated at a hospital when she died. maker hailed as a precursor to the New Wave of French cinema in the Albert Collins, 61, a blues guitarist who was a popular recording artist for three decades, died of hung cancer Wednesday in Las Ve-

By Alan Truscott F both partnerships have close to 20 high-card points and there is no fit to be found, one can expect

mile (1,600-kilometer) Yukon Hervé Bromberger, 75, a movie-

1960s, died of cancer Tuesday in Paris. He was best-known for "Les Fruits Sauvages." (Wild Fruit), which carned a prize at the Berlin gas. Nominated five times for Film Festival.

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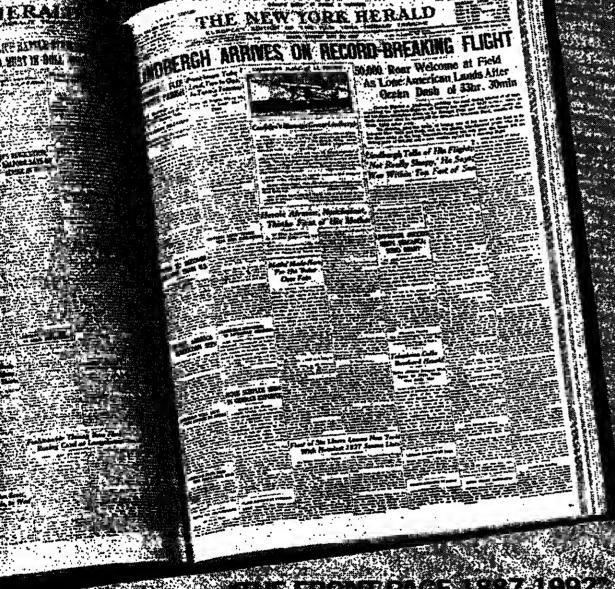
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a small part-score contract producing a small score. But occasionally there is an aberration, as in the diagramed deal played late in Feb-ruary at the Long Island Regional Swiss Team Championship in Smithtown, Long Island. At one table West opened the bidding with one diamond and his partner eventually struggled in two no-tromp, failing by a trick. In the replay, as shown, West chose to open one spade, for lead-directing reasons, and North made a normal but disastrous, take-out double.

East redoubled, and there was no easy escape for North-South. If they had been inspired to defend cashed his diamond ace. Instead, in one spade redoubled they would desperation, he led a low diamond

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History Is a Building Site

The University of Virginia archaeologist Patricia Wattenmaker found a buried city recently in southern Turkey, a 4,500-or-soyear-old site that appears to have extended over 100 hectares - "a huge place" for its era. as one of Ms. Wattenmaker's colleagues told t The New York Times. The discovery was said by other archaeologists to mean likely changes

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in the way people view the spread of literacy and the written word. Till now the Sumerians, masters of that period and of the earliest known attempts at written language, were thought to have built cities much farther south in present-day Iraq. Time for another round of rewrites as happy archaeologists look forward to maybe uncarthing - who knows? - another library of tablets as important as the ones

found a couple of decades ago at Ebla in Syria. A very different reminder that previously unknown chunks of the past may suddenly surface, yielding serious changes in the accepted historical view, was to be seen at a ceremony at Howard University. There, faculty and guests attended a sober ritual in bonor of the arrival at the university, for research urposes, of remains and artifacts from an t8th century black graveyard that was unearthed by accident in downtown New York. With a procession and a combination of Afri-

can religious rituals and contemporary trib-

utes, Howard invoked "the ancestors" and the memory of a group of people thought to have left no record. These were the remains of freed slaves in the early years of the American colonies, buried in what seem to have been African rituals and conveying, from a scientific viewpoint, a treasure trove of information about their health and practices.

The discovery of the buried city, which holds out the hope of extensive information still to be unearthed, began with the chance appearance of one such 4,500-year-old tablet on the surface. How did an apparently authentic object of such age get to the surface? Maybe from nearby excavations for a massive irrigation project. As for the burial ground, it was stum-bled on in classic city-archaeology fashion when contractors broke ground - or, rather, cement - for a government building. It was known that the spot had been used for graves. but not for so many, nor that they had somehow been undisturbed all the years since then. But then, how would one have known? You don't have to sign on to any of the various ideologically convenient rewrites of world histhe extreme Alro-centric model, the LOTY primeval matriarchal paradise and so on - to appreciate that our understanding of world bistory is still a work in progress.

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

A Step Against Handguns

Congress has finally stood up to the intimidating lobby of weapons peddlers and passed the simple, fair Brady handgun control bill. Public pleas to tone down society's violence, and the moral claim for slowing down the domestic small arms race, bave overwhelmed a potent gun lobby that in the end went down with a whimper.

The National Rifle Association fully understood the consequences of this humiliating loss, its first congressional defeat in a generation. That defeat means more than the Brady bill itself, which after all provides only a modest five-day waiting period so that au-thorities can check for criminal records. The NRA must now face the prospect of more comprehensive gun controls.

For example, Attorney General Janet Reno has the temerity to suggest that gun buyers demonstrate that they know how to use their weapons, so that buying a pistol would no longer be easier than getting a driver's license. Now other measures to control the spread of guns may be safely discussed and even safe to enact. Police chiefs, who beseeched Congress

for the Brady bill, may again be heard with other reasonable disarmament proposals.

It is even possible that the Republican Party will free itself from the clutches of the NRA and stop supporting it with Senate filibusters and killing amendments. Senate Republicans can start by taking a hard look at the bill the minority leader. Bob Dole, will offer in an attempt to water down the Brady law next year. That bill will contain some of the gun obby's obstructionist proposed amendments that Mr. Dole failed to ram through this time. The measure is a tribute both to James Brady, the press secretary who barely survived in 1981 when a would-be assassin fired at him and President Ronald Reagan, and to his eloquent wife, Sarah. Mr. Brady spoke with power and wit, through his paralysis and rage, of the need for this civilizing legislation. For a welcome change the White House

is no obstacle. Unlike George Bush, President Bill Clinton is eager to sign this bill. More crime challenges lie ahead, but this is a moment to savor.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Clinton and the Airlines

The families who gathered around a dining room table cating turkey this Thanksgiving, instead of rushing through airports desperately seeking a flight, owed thanks to Bill Clinton for artfully ending the strike against American Airlines by its flight attendants. But for all its popularity, President Clinton's can-do involvement barely masks the wrenching problem faced by the airline industry. Fullservice cartiers like American are hemorrhaging. If they are to survive they must cut costs drastically. Labor is not the only target, but neither will it be spared.

In the past three years American has lost more than \$1 billion; the industry has lost about \$10 billion, which exceeds the sum of all its profits in this century. Some of these losses

disputes are inevitable. Indeed, as American's flight attendants were returning to work, employees at United began a work slowdown to protest management's decision to sell off parts of the company. Mr. Clintoa faces the prospect of many strikes, all of which would create turmoil.

In the past, presidents have intervened when strikes threatened entire important industries like steel, railroads and airlines. But this time only one carrier was struck. There was ao aational crisis, yet the White House decided to intervene - raising the question of how often it will do so in the future. The danger is that a president who intervenes too often will dull the incentive of labor and management to settle disputes on their own. The White House says it did not act in a

Wanted, a Philosophy of Free Community

PARIS — Electorates everywhere are dis-enchanted, no longer convinced that the people in charge know how to make things work decently. After generations of passive compliance, voters in Italy and Japan have stirred themselves to throw the rascals out.

la the United States, the long, slow degradation of the city climate has at last struck people as a crisis beyond toleration, more urgent than troubles in distant lands. The rates of casual murder, of children born to single, often juvenile mothers, of third and fourth generations subsisting on welfare and crime, have fractured traditional self-satisfaction and confidence.

The phenomenon of a large, residual underclass can no longer be denied. They are not just people waiting their turn to be lifted on a tide of growth. They have been left behind by a society unable to absorb or lure them to accept its assumptions. They form gangs as the antidote to the loneliness of modern city life.

Concern is spreading at the loss of cohesion, of the West's sense of assurance that it is going the right way and can deal with the perceived, mounting challenges. A spectacularly successful capitalist like Sir James Goldsmith warns about the trap" of failing to maintain the coullibrium and harmony with nature that he discerns in the perpetual rbythms of traditional societies.

The Western malaise, the signs of decadence the fear that things are racing out of control give apparent substance to the arguments of those in power in developing countries that the West should keep its vaunted values to itself.

There are many in the world prepared to echo Chinese President Jiang Zemin's lecture to

By Flora Lewis

President Bill Clinton in Seattle that the claim to universal human rights is a form of unacceptable interference in their affairs and that the West should stick to what it does best, just doing business.

Samuel Huntington predicts that the next global conflict will be a "clash of civilizations," and he provokes tremors. As there is for horror movies, there is always a market for predictions of a new cataciysm, identification of a new enemy. And yet the tide of Western self-doubt is

matched by a tide of demand in the poor countries for a new way of hit, for relief from the unending cycles of silent suffering. It isn't only for material welfare. The great appeal of fundamentalism is its promise of dignity, of self-respect, of a morally clean environment in an allembracing community.

Intellectuals from traditional societies, more and more of them comfortably conversant with both worlds, are arguing instead that it is demo-cracy and human rights, evolved over centuries, which made possible the West's emergence from the ancient quagmires, and that they are indeed universals available to all who have the courage to insist upon them.

That is the theme of a two-part film made for French television's Antenne 2 from the book "The South Slope of Liberty," by Mahmoud Hussein, pseudonym for two Egyptians who work at Uaesco. They identify concern for the individual, respect for each person in his or her own right, as the essential foundation of freedom,

of the hopes for a truly flourishing community. And they recognize the terrible strain, the pain of transformation from the comforting and yet stifling cocoon of tradition to personal responsibility, personal initiative, self-reliance. But that is what makes change possible and brings the capacity to adapt to change. It seems to me that there is not a clash but a

convergence of awareness working here. There is no either/or resolution of the question of individual versus community. Man is a social animal and needs support from his kind, but innovation, creativity, dynamism come with op-portunity for individual effort.

There is something to take from other cultures, older ways of facing the travail of life and the indifference of nature. But not at the expense of giving up the hard-won understanding of liberty, the noble burden of personal responsibility. It is the meaning of modernity, although it still needs community.

Accommodating both is necessarily the common goal, and that should be recognized. The philosophy of the required synthesis has not been adequately developed. There is some of it in the environmentalist movement, with its reminder that we are obliged to live within limits and dare not exclude all concerns but self. But the ultimate goal in protecting nature is to nurture its capacity

goal in protecting nature is to induce is capacity to support as as conscious, scif-aware humans. After the "me" generation and the old, resigned and hierarchical "they" generations, the pressures are to produce an "us" generation, each of us, endowed with human rights by the fact of vulnera-bility to suffering and the ability to think. C Flora Lewis

Asians Are Arming: A Prospect of Trouble Ahead

By Paul Dibb

CANBERRA - Asia bas impor-

world's most dyaamic ecoaomic growth. Many of its governments are stable and effective. But in the short term, a period of change and disorder is likely as constraints im-posed by the Cold War are released and new tensions emerge.

power, and alliances are becoming icss predictable. The strategic roles of the United States, China, Japan and India will evolve, foreshadowing the potential for a long-term transformation in the regional balance of power. In much of Asia, the earlier emphasis on ground forces oriented to internal security and border protectioa has been replaced by a focus on modern aaval and air forces to support

conomic prosperity, real growth in military spending will continue. The glut of arms on the world market will facilitate introduction of more high-

it will be larger than the entire Enropean arms market and half as large again as the Middle East. Measured in constant prices and exchange rates, Asia's real defense spending has increased by 20 percent since 1985. Significant increases have oc-

donesia and Vietnam. challenges of the post-Cold War era

ance. Both nations will continue to ry, people and resources. recognize that their strategic interests are served by sustaining the alliance. Nonetheless, it may be affected by the end of the Cold War. bitions for territorial expansion. However, it will undergo a major po-

C HINA is an ambitions power, and its strategic influence will grow in the next 20 years along with its economic strength. China will contend with Japan and India, as well as the United States, as it seeks to establish a sphere of influence, particularly in Southeast Asia. China is the one power with the potential to contend with the United States for leadership in the 21st century.

opportunities that this could provide

The most important relationship in

the region is the U.S.-Japanese alli-

for China and Japan.

In the short term, security issues in China's own aeighborhood will be its main preoccupation. In this decade, it will aot be able to project decisive military force far from its own terri-tory against major military powers. But it has signaled its intention to develop such a capability.

China already has the capability to project military forces superior to those that Southeast Asian nations could deploy to the South China Sea. In the past, Beijing has displayed an old-fashioned attitude toward the use of force: The continuing improvement of its nuclear arsenal, its clear interest in power-projection forces and its repeated claims of sovereignty over the Spratly Islands in the South China Sea and other disputed maritime areas are causing uncasiness in the region about its ambitions.

Economic rationalists argue that China has too much to lose by using since of its g

toward a more democratic form of politics and cooperative attitudes in modernize early last century. As The Economist noted recently, ambitions

a does not appear to have am-

litical transition in the near future

that could produce instability at

home and more aggressive policies abroad. This could have serious secu-

remain essentially regional powers in

military terms, although both will ex-

the short term, on North Korea's nu-

clear weapons program; over the me-

military power. The Japan-China relationship is

one of the key strategic uncertainties

over the coming decade. The compe-tition for influence between them

could lead to rivalry in Southeast

E CONOMIC growth in Asia will lead to basic shifts in political

power. At a global level, Asia is be-

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interstate relations. It may, howev er, merely mark a softening of Asia's authoritarian pluralism, which fo-cuses on the requirement for a growing states can expand either by trading with other nations, as in the case of Japan, or by grabbing territostrong state structure with powerful military forces.

It is worth recalling that the European nations that grew to greatness during the remarkable period of economic growth in the 19th century, and benefited most from it, effectively put an end to their preemi-nence with two world wars. There is a danger that the Pacific age could The other regional great powers, also end in major Asian wars two or Japan and India, are not the same cause for concern. They will likely three decades hence.

This specter is particularly real be-cause of the means of modern warfare that many Asian countries are acquiring. The spread of weapons of Japan's security preoccupations. will be focused on its own region: in es destruction - nuclear, chemical and biological - is a major concern. China has a growing nuclear force, while India and Pakistan either dium term, on monitoring any surge in Russian military power; and in the longer term, on the growth of China's have nuclear weapons or could produce them in a short time. North Korea has been trying to develop auclear weapons and could be as litthe as a year away from doing so.

The International Institute for Strategic Studies in London recently reviewed its annual listing of Chinese nuclear delivery vehicles, increasing the number of intercontinental ballistic missiles and intermediate range missiles to more than 104, from 68. China is developing a ballistic miss capable of targeting the United States, and it has an active chemical and

It now accounts for 25 percent of biological weapons program. India and Pakistan are likely to the growth in world trade between expand and refine their missile and nuclear capabilities over the next de-cade. North Korea has tested a missile which, at its full range, would be able to reach much of Japan. This has ic expansion may well lead, as it has

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By Bill Emmott

TONDON - Amid the hoopla about "multimedia," about Bell Atlantic's plan to merge with Tele-Communications Inc. and about the QVC-Viscom bidding battle for the Paramount movies-to-books conglomerate, an important lesson is being missed. Like most management lessons these days, it comes from Ja-pan. But this is different from all other Japanese management lessons. This one is about how not to do it. That the lesson was painfully learned in Japan is shown by a simple

fact: among all the firms battling for Paramount, not one is Japanese.

Paramount, not one is Japanese. Three years ago, the only place any sensibly greedy Hollywood studio would look for a buyer or for backing was Japan. After all, in 1989 Sony paid \$3.4 billion for Columbia Pictures, owner of the Columbia and Tri-Star studios, and in 1990 Matsushita paid \$6.1 billion for MCA, owner of Universal Studios.

These and other Japanese cous electronics companies were rolling in money. They were full of ambition sparred by arrogance — ambition to get hold of the movies and music that might drive the sales of their electronic hardware, arrogance that their success in dominating the world's consumer electronic business meant they could win any battle. Cash, ambition, arrogance - with clues like that, Holly-wood can spot a fool and his money before he has ridden over the horizon.

When Sony bought Columbia, the media went crazy. Newsweek's cover talked of Japan's invasion of Holly-wood. Yet less than two years passed before it became clear that the scares and hyperbole had got it wrong. Far from taking over in Hollywood, the

apanese were mugged. Both firms paid sums that were almost universally considered extrava-gant. To head its new business, Sony hired two film producers, Peter Guber and Jon Peters, who had plenty of moviemaking experience but none in running a big company. To get them, Sony had to buy their production firm for \$200 million and it had to buy out a contract they had with Wainer Brothers for an undisclosed sum reputed to be \$500 million.

Sony gave Mr. Guber and Mr. Pe-ters a deal that was lavish even by Hollywood standards: annual salaries of \$2.75 million and a bonus pool for them and five underlings worth \$50. million, plus 8 percent of any rise in Columbia's notional value over five years. On Nov. 18, Mr. Guber's contract was renewed for three years (Mr. Peters left in May 1991), quelling rumors of a shake-up at what is now a deeply troubled company.

In all, Sony shelled out at least \$5 billion for Columbia from 1989 to 1991. That was in addition to the \$2 billion it had already paid in 1988 for CBS Records.

At MCA, the story was less glamor-ous. Lew Wasserman's firm had always been more secretive and discreent than is typical in Tinseltown. But the outcome has been the same: Matsushita paid way over the odds and is struggling to get its money back. Neither Sony nor Matsushita is

likely to get a dec

Collective security arrangements are in flux. There is a huildup of

new economic and security interests, and project national influence. As a result of Asia's widespread

next century. But it will have difficulty coping with the multiple strategic

technology weapons and equipment. Asia is the fastest growing arms market in the world. By the year 2000

curred in every country in the region except Australia, New Zealand, In-The United States will remain the predominant global power into the

were self-inflicted. During the 1980s American expanded operations, creating bugely expensive bub-and-spoke operations at airports throughout the United States. But competition drove prices down to ruinously low levels. Upstart carriers, like Southwest and Reno, cut costs by hiring low-paid labor, providing little customer service and flying short routes, thereby avoiding the hub-and-spoke system.

Flight attendants are not American's primary problem. They typically earn about \$20,000 a year — a fifth of what pilots make. And they bitterly resist American's plan to hire fewer and impose less convenient schedules. Yet the attendants are an inevitable target for savings for an airline that must grab every penny. American's contract requires it to use more attendants than the government requires and its competitors use. So American is fighting to reduce staffing and save money by, for example, requiring attendants to pick up more of their health care bills.

As the carriers prune operations, labor

heavy banded fashion — only "facilitated" binding arbitration. Yet it put itself in the middle of a fight that both parties can't win. In this case, arbitration is likely to help labor. The flight attendants would probably have lost the strike, once management made it past the 10-day period it needed to hire replacements. For them, arbitration can only produce a better contract.

But this type of federal intervention could just as easily play into management's hands. American, for example, could not win a pilots' strike because operations must cease and pilots cannot be easily replaced. In that case, it would be management's turn to benefit if the White House stepped in.

Mr. Clinton intervened to spare vacation-ers, and succeeded. But once the giddy victory is behind him, be will have to figure out where to draw the line on federal interventioa in situations that cannot leave both parties happy. - THE NEW YORK TIMES

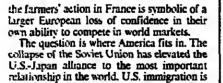
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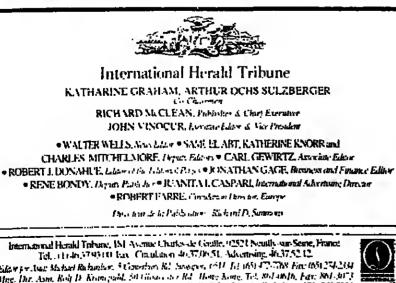
If there is one snapshot dramatizing the historic passing of the torch from Europe to Asia in world affairs, it is not the portrait of Asian leaders gathered with President Bill Cluston in Seattle. It was, rather, the attempted blockade of Paris by French farmers in Scotember. Although the French prime minister. Edouard Balladur, came to office saving he would not let the farmers undermine a GATT agreement, this special interest today holds world trade hostage. Other nations have agricultural lobbies

bent on keeping out the rest of the world. But



now more Asian than European. There are some who believe that America itself is slipping into the European disease: high taxes, steep regulation and a withering of private institutions. Judging by NAFTA's passage, however, the United States has not

vet swallowed a fatal dose. - Far Eastern Economic Review (Hong Kong).



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economic and social problems. These dependence on the world trade sysdifficulties will affect its contribution tem for economic modernization. to regional security. It is far from certain that the American alliance There is some truth in this. The complex trade and investment interdependencies that prompt tensions also system will decay over the next couple of decades, but it will change from one of dependency by U.S. al-lies to one of greater burden sharing. Although the United States will prompt growth, thereby creating a mutual interest in ensuring that ten-sions are contained. The integration continue to have important strategic interests in Asia, they will be concen-trated in North Asia. Uncertainty remains about the strength of American commitment over the longer term, and about the problems and

of China's growth into the regional economy, if successful, will provide a key support to regional security. However, technology now makes it possible to modernize very fast - in 30 or 40 years, compared with the 100 years it took for a country starting to

The Fast Lane Runs Westward Again

By George F. Will

S EATTLE - In October 1900, when Scattle was a raw town of 80,000, across the continent in Massachusetts a Harvard philosopher, George Santayana, addressed a campus literary club, delivering a pointed poem, "Young Sam's First Wild Oats." It began:

Mid Uncle Sam's expanded acres There's an old, secluded glade Where gray Purlians and Quakers Still grow fervid in the shade; And the same great elms and beeches That once graced the ancestral farm, Bending to the old men's speeches, Lend their words an echo's charm. Laurel, clematis and vine Weave green treffises about, And three maples and a pine Shut the mucker-village out. I'et the smake of trade and battle Cannot quite be banished hence, And the air-line to Seattle Whizzes just behind the fence.

Back then, before the birth of Senttle's Boeing Corporation, an "air-line" was a fast train. In the Santaya-na poem, such a train symbolized the mingling of booming commerce and imperial polities which much of Harvard's faculty considered unaesthetic ("muckervillage") and immoral.

President William McKinley's re-election campaign and the angry debate about the Philippines — Ameri-ca's acquisition of Pacific empire — were boiling along. George Santayana was indicting people whose politics amounted, he believed, to a feckless wish that the world would spin another way.

Today protectionism is a popular form of wishful thunking — more popular and durable than many complacent people think now that NAFTA has been approved. But protectionism cannot deflect the forces that have turned America's attention to the ocean on the left side of the continent.

When Secretary of State Warren Christopher says that "Eurocentric" policies are anachronistic because "Western Europe is no longer the dominant area of the world." his words express what the president's behavtor expresses. Mr. Clinton has aot been to Paris, London or Bonn but he has been to Tokyo and Scoul.

The Asian orientation of American policy is partly a result of Europe's decadence. Just two years ago there was much dreamy rhetoric about "Euro 1992" ushering in a ocw age. But 1992 came and went and in to greater political stability and deaccelerated Japanese interest in democracy. But it will make the buildup veloping a ballistic missile defense of substantial military capabilities system against limited aaclear strikes. Pyongyang's nuclear weap-ons program has aroused some fears much more affordable.

Moreover, the values of governments and individuals in Asia are not as resistant to the idea of war and conflict, or to the primacy of the state, as in the democracies of the West. Nationalism persists. Rivalry and the desire for advantage over others will continue to be high on the

Asian security agenda. Of course, sustained economic growth may herald a shift in Asia

to Asia exceed those to Europe. Twenty percent of all jobs in Seattle, which is a

sailing day closer to Japan than Los Angeles is, are involved in trade. Last year the state of Washington

exported \$33.5 billion worth of its products, from

apples and timber to aircraft and software. Boeing's exports to Asia last year earned \$5 billion. By 2010 China, which last year bought one of every six aircraft Boeing made, will need \$40 billion worth of aircraft — 800 in 17 years. Seattle's Microsoft says revenues from the Asian nations represented at the

recent APEC conference are growing by 60 percent a year, twice as fast as revenues from Europe or America. Today, 209 years after the first American ship — the Empress of China — sailed from New York to Asia.

patterns of trade are infuriatingly perplexing to people eager to understand the world in terms of a tidy us-

eager to understand the world in terms to a tary ar-versus-them dichotomy. For example, Taiwan's largest exporter of electronic equipment is AT&T. The ab-sence of clarity encourages a politics of anxiety and a

continuing quest for protection. Sixty percent of House Democrats opposed

NAFTA, which would aot have passed if a Republican were president. Lane Kirkland, head of the AFL-CIO,

has a better head on his shoulders than sits on 99 percent of Washington shoulders, and he has a canni-

aess that deserves a better cause. He has demonstrated

that a huge, diverse constituency, animated by both economic interests and cultural concerns, can be mobi-

But, you say, does not the NAFTA vote reflect the

strength of free trade principles? Hardly, The truth is in

this vignette: As the vote drew near, a pro-NAFTA

in the region that Japan might be tempted to build ouclear weapons. A significant number of countries in Asia have chemical warfare proin raise into the next decade are likely to develop biological warfare capacities. The increasing sophistica-tion of the region's industrial base

will support these developments. The proliferation of advanced conventional weapons in Asia is a further challenge to regional stabil-ity. Wealthy nations like Taiwan and South Korea will be able to afford large numbers of such weapons. Even smaller countries in the region can now afford to buy modern combat aircraft with beyond-visual-range missiles, surface naval ships that car-ry helicopters and missiles such as Harpoon and Exocet, modern diesel 1993 old Europe is paralyzed about "ethnic cleans-ing" and mean-spirited toward emerging democracies and market economies to the east. It stagnates be-aeath bloated welfare states. And American exports electric submarines and advanced

electronic warfare equipment. This trend will accelerate as the United States, Britain, France, Germany and Italy compete with one another, and with Russia and China, for a share of the lucrative Asian arms market

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investment in Hollywood in this century, if ever. Not that their purchases are losing money: Columbia (re-named Sony Pictures) and MCA are doing moderately well. This year, Sony Pictures and Sony Music combined may contribute operating prof-its of up to \$800 million. Yet the interest and debt servicing on the \$7 billion-plus that Sony spent on the two firms wipes those profits out.

The lesson? First, padlock your pocketbook when getting off the plane at Los Angeles. Second, the only winners in the Paramount deal will be Paramount's shareholders and any managers who are bought out (or bought in). Third, the Japanese "inva-sion" of U.S. business has been no such thing. Even the best Japanese firms have made spectacular and cost-ly mistakes and have not taken control even of the firms they purchased, let

alone of culture or technology. Matsushina has delegated coatrol over 7 percent of its sales to Americans at MCA. Sony more than 20 percent of its sales to Americans in New York (misic) and Los Angeles (movies). Sony is in court battling the singer George Michael and has the headache of sexual-abuse accusations surrounding Michael Jackson, with whom it has a \$50 million contract. Wouldn't it have been easier to stick at home articing Michael Sector 2010 at home making Walkmans?

The writer is editor of The Econo-mist and author of "Japanophobia: The Myth of the Invincible Japanese." He contributed this comment to The New York Times.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1893: No Men Wanted

BRUSSELS - The Belgian "Ligne du Droit des Femmes," founded two years ago by several notorious men and women, among whom were Bar-rister Louis Frank and Lady Barrister Popelin, will hold their second annual meeting to-morrow [Nov. 26], when it is stated that a proposal will be made by the women to expel the . men from the league and carry on their struggle single-handed. The men and the women have been fighting each other ever since the league started, instead of attacking the common enemy. A riotous debate is expected.

1918: Surrender on Film

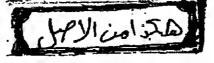
LONDON - The surrender of the German High Seas Fleet will be seen this week on the "movies." The film is 2,400 feet long [725 meters] and was

formally taken over by the British Fleet. "We were so near the ships that the German sailors could see us plainly," said a camera man who was on board. "They were greatly tickled. We fussed round that German Fleet for an hour or more, having a topping time."

1943: Italians Massacred

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, AL-GIERS - [From our New York edi-tion:] Because a villager, in saving his niece from abduction, killed a German soldier and wounded another, fifty-four Italian men and boys of Bellona, near Naples, were massacred by the Germans Oct. 7, according to a British observer-officer's account made public today [Nov. 25] by Allied beadquarters. The girl was seized by three German soldiers who climbed the orchard wall of the home. Her uncle and his son, hearing

Lator feet long 1/22 meets and was taken from the deck of the destroyer Seynour, which, loaded with photog-raphers and cinema men, met the German Fleet an horr before it was



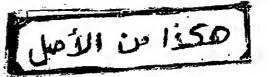
Republican approached a fence-sitting Florida Republi-can and said, hopefully: "We seem to have solved your problem about sugar and citrus." The fence-sitter replied with one word: "Tomatoes." Principled believers in free trade were a minority in the pro-NAFTA majority. So, as the argument about protectionism continues. proponents of free trade would do well to stress a certain kinship between America and its trading part-

lized against free trade:

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ners along the Pacific Rim. In their overflowing energy and their often raw practices, including their protec-tionism that they must outgrow, the Asian nations resemble America in the post-Civil War "gilded age," when roaring steel mills made the rails over which whizzed the air-line to Seattle.

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O P I N I O N

We Still Pay for the Errors **Of President Kennedy**

By Robert J. Samuelson

WASHINGTON -- We have come the skills to be re-elected and, probably through another orgy of Kennedy pass much of his legislative agenda. But remembrances, and I confess that, final-ly, I am fed up. It is not just that his life nd his assassination have been overdra-matized, transforming him from a politi-cal figure into an entertainment phenomenon with a place in pop culture. closer to Elvis than to Harry Truman. The dissent goes deeper. The Kennedy the dissent goes deeper. The recting observation observes something crucial. He was, at best, a mediocre president. I admit that Mr. Kennedy had wit. charm, style and class. At age 14, 1 was captivated by him when he ran for president; I was shaltered when he was killed. Watching old television clips now, I am still stirred by his rhetoric and stillamused by his quick humor. We gloried in the energetic and self-confident image that be projected. The clips can still toach emotions But this is no longer 1960, and we do not pay our presidents to be witty, charming, elegant or funny. Every president succeeds or fails, in the harsh light of history, on the quality of a few critical independent is in our true. of a few critical judgments. It is not true, as Mr. Kennedy's defenders say, that he did not have the time to show his leadership potential. His judgments did make a difference, but mostly for the worse. It was Mr. Kennedy who blessed and

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promoted an ambitious economic agenda (dubbed the "new economics") that launched an era of rising inflation and permanent budget deficits. President Dwight Eisenhower had adhered to the old idea of balanced budgets. Three of his eight budgets were in surplus; his net deficit over two terms was less than \$19 billion. Mr. Eisenhower also thought that inflation must be checked, even if that meant occasional recessions. In 1961, the inflation rate was 1 percent.

Mr. Actinically a committy argued that economic growth could be in-creased, and the economy kept at "full employment," by relaxing the taboos against budget deficits and inflation. The rest is history. Once these useful disciplines were gone, government lost control of its budgets and let loose what became double-digit inflation. It was Mr. Kennedy who made the

critical commitment to Vietnam. All the subsequent speculation about whether he would or would not have increased that commitment, as Lyndon Johnson did, is irrelevant. We can never know what Mr. Kennedy would have done --what he did was make a major military (and political) commitment to a country whose survival was not a vital U.S. interest and, thereby, involve his country in a conflict that politically it could not sustain. There was no easy exit.

The point is that many of the country's But we Americans need to measure our political and economic traumas over the presidents better. The John F. Kennedy past three decades trace their origins to Mr. Kennedy's errors. No one doubts that he was intelligent or; as David Broder observes (IHT, Nov. 13), a con-summate politician. Had he lived, he had

pass much of his legislative agenda. But political skill and intelligence are not substitutes for wisdom or good instincts.

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These Mr. Kennedy lacked. His own experiences were limited. The histories of his administration often have him complaining (as after the Bay of Pigs) that he was poorly served by his advisers. These moments reveal a man who, for all his outward self-confidence, often did not have the background or values to make good decisions alone.

Our continuing fascination with Mr. Kennedy says more about us than it does about him. We Americans feel that we were unfairly deprived of the Inture we deserved and that Mr. Kennedy, had

he lived, would have provided it. This is more than a myth; it is a fantasy. Hard as it is to say, Mr. Kennedy's reputation was preserved, and pos-sibly even made, by his death. It meant the did not have to face the consequences of his own decisions. It made him a and distracted people from the thinness of his record. If you doubt this, try a thought experiment. Visualize Mr. Kenneedy as a small, pudgy man with all the charm and charisma of, say, Richard Nixon. Assume that he simply decided not to ran in 1964. What, then, would you think of his presidency? Not much. Mr. Kennedy's enduring appeal lies in the tragedy of his death and his powers as a public performer: someone with good looks who made memorable eeches and radiated a zest for living. His constructive leadership was modest. On civil rights, he was dragged along by events. His greatest foreign policy tri-mph was probably the limited nuclear test ban treaty with the Soviet Union. In Mr. Kennedy's economists argued fairness, many of Mr. Kennedy's errors hat economic growth, could be in- reflected the climate of the times. Americans believed fervently in their own power and in their capacity to organize pro-gress. Some of Mr. Kennedy's errors (for example, his fondness for economic engi-

neering) were also made by leaders abroad. But Mr. Kennedy could not see through these prevailing illusions. It is possible that he would have grown He faced down Nikita Khrushchev in the Cuban missile crisis. But that crisis resulted partly from Mr. Kennedy's foreign policy blanders, which led Mr. Khru-shchev to think that the new president could be had, Mr. Kennedy botched the Bay of Pigs. When the Berlin Wall went no, he did virtually nothing. At the Vien-na summit in 1961, Mr. Khrushchev bul-lied him. "Too intelligent and too weak," Mr. Khrushchev said. I still mourn Mr. Kennedy's death.

who lives beyond the grave comman neither my sympathy nor my interest. He is romanticized and explanted. He is not a person but a popular delusion. The Washington Post.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

one had heard the details, as anyone

Then what?

Why Turkey Invaded

Regarding "Turkey and Cyprus" (Let-ters, Nov. 12): Michalis Attalides, Cyprus's ambas-sador to France, notes that his country was invaded by Turkey io 1974. His

Excellency does not tell as why. In July 1974, the Greek junta of colonels under Demetrics Icannides, who was a fanatical believer in enosis, the union of Cyprus with Greece, staged a military coup against Cyprus's President Makarios, who was obliged to flee. This Athens-sponsored coup was, of

course, not only contrary to international law but to the specific agreements and treaties that guaranteed the indepen-dence of the island state. Turkey, as one of the three guarantor powers (the two others were Britain and,

yes, Greece!), therefore had to intervene in order to prevent the forced annexation of Cyprus by Greece and to pro-tect the Turkish Cypriots.

ESKIL SVANE. Pouzols, France.

Bringing Up Baby No 'Reportedly' Needed

Early in the morning of Nov. 15, two nasked Palestinians stood in wait to find a Jew walking alone to his morning prayers. They found one and attacked him with axes. Before he passed out from severe blows to the head - which required nine hours of brain surgery to repair - he shot one dead. The second stole his gun and fied. Eyewitness reports, government statements and the Hamas leaflet describing the event all agree: This is what happened. By what stretch of bizarre journalis-

tic freedom does the International Herald Tribune print a large front-page pbotograph of the dead assailant, with the caption, "An Israeli soldier Mon-

day near the body of a Palestinian killed in Hebron, io the West Bank, by simply deplore the Western attitude of trying to foist a failing, ecologically doomed economic system, based not on an Israeli settler. Two Palestinians bad reportedly attacked the settler with need but on the constant creation of axes" (emphasis added). Even the story wants, on desperate countries. on the same page omitted the word "reportedly," because there was no question the event took place. Unless

living bere, resident or reporter, did, be

would see this picture as an example of Israeli violence, not self-protection. STEPHEN J. KOHN. Ra'anana, Israel. There were earlier pockets of women's All Are Appalled

suffrage -descendants of the mutineers of the sailing ship Bounty on Pitcairn's Regarding "America's Chilly Message for Europe" (Looking Ahead, Nov. 16): Island, the Isle of Man to Britain and the American state of Wyoming, But New Reginald Dale writes that most Amer-

Zealand was the first country of inde-pendent status to enact nationwide volicans are "appalled by European impo-tence in Bosnia." According to me, most Europeans are appalled by American impotence in Haiti. We are all appalled. ng rights for women. The final petition to Parliament in 1893 carried the signatures of nearly 30,000 women, almost a quarter of New Zealand women at that time. The sheer numbers finally disproved the notion,

WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE WHAKATŪ WĀHINE



loog advanced by politicians, that wom-en were not interested in the vote. The centenary, being officially ob-served throughout New Zealand, is cause for celebration everywhere.

JULIE O'BRIEN. The 1993 Suffrage Centennial Trust. Wellington.

We Can Vilify the Violent And Obscene on Our Own

By William Safire

WASHINGTON - Legal scholars are breaking their heads over a clash of rights: the right of children to he sheltered from pornography and vio-lence vs. the right of adults to choose to watch what they want when they want it. This week a federal appeals court

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struck down government regulations that permit "indecent" broadcasts only between midnight and 6 A.M., when children who know all too well how to

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work the video recorder are presumably asleep. The court's reason: You cannot take away an adult's First Amendment rights of free speech to protect children. The Federal Communications Commission promptly announced that it would continue to threaten broadcasters of porn outside those wee hours with the loss of licenses. Its reason: Clinton administration appointees do not want to be tagged "soft on porn." In this confrontation, the government

regulators will ultimately lose. The FCC's ability to regulate the broadcast media rested on the finite nature of the spectrum, and that has been mooted by the infinity of cable. Electronic media will enjoy the same freedom as the print medium, which is as it should be.

How to prevent the offspring from locking themselves in the bathroom for bours on end with a portable television set? How to "disincent" the producers and distributors of moving images from meeting the market demand for sex and violence

First, set aside the issue of nudity. The naked human body is as innocent on the screen as it is on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. Nudity is already losing its shock value to advertisers; we need not worry about the "boob tube" gaining a second meaning.

Violence is a related but separate issue. The glorification of crime on the screen leads to crime in the street; not enough shame is attached to those who make their living lociting violence. Ev-eryone who makes a buck in sociopathic fiction should be accurately identified, vilified, picketed and ostracized.

Remember "Red Channels" from the McCarthy era? 1 would like to see a "Blue Channels" that points an accusing finger at individuals oot based on their ideology but on their abuse of free speech in commercial exploitation of the worst in human nature.

Treat the profiteers of violence to a countervailing social consequence. In-stead of a red light from government, which offends the constitutional rights of all, turn on a white light of publicity by citizens' groups, newsletterists, cru-sading talk jockeys. Citizens' boycotts work. The writers, directors and editors

of bloodthirsty epics - and the inves-tors therein - should be locally de-

nounced and required to face the con-demnation of their own children. And now to porn. from the Greek . word for "harlot." There is evil porn employing children, encouraging rape, wallowing in whips-and-chains humiliation - that belongs in the "violence"

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category above. Then there is plain porn: people umping on each other, brooding beauties manipulating themselves, sound-tracks of grunted affirmations, and contorted positions that outstretch the Kama Sutra. A line of poetry sticks in my mind, I think by Ogden Nash: "Heaven is nice/ And orgies are vile"

/ But I like an orgy/ Once in a while." Edifying? No. Entertaining? Undeni-ably, judging by sales, although interest soon flags. Harmful? Not to adults who know the difference between sexual games, played mainly in the mind, and serious lovemaking. Plain private porn is no hig deal. It's a

fact of life that has this constructive aspect: Porno films launched the video-tape revolution, and while we computer illiterates sleep, multimedia porn – in-teractive, yet – is giving the new world of CD-ROM its initial commercial impetus. (They aren't buying those triple-

speed players for the encyclopedias.) To the original question — How to limit adult fare to adults? — this old answer: Set a thief to catch a thief.

You know those little numbers in the television listings for "VCR Plus" that let you record tapes without an engineering degree? Give everything a number based on sex and violence content. Then get groups to publish ratings. Then program your set or computer to receive only those rograms below a certain age level.

When the kids are asleep, punch to your adult's code and watch what you want. Take control yourself. It beats turning it over to the government. The New York Times.

Word to the Wise

A TTORNEY GENERAL Janet Reno said in Washington recently that if the networks didn't clean up their act, the government would.

A word to the wise from the Justice Department should be sufficient. It should be clear by now that Hollywood. which prospers from its easy access to American hearts and minds, cannot say it has no influence whatsoever on its customers' behavior.

Self-regulation by the entertainment industry is no longer debatable. Nor is the eternal obligation of parents to carefully monitor what their children watch. We live in a society where the pressure for change is often produced from toterest groups. This time, the message is coming from the largest interest group of all - consumers.

- Los Angeles Times.

break into the Polish market because the U.S. market is declining horrified me. I lived in Istanbul when my daughter was a baby; no Gerber or other ready made baby food was available. Spoiled Westerner though I am, I discovered that you can make baby food very quickly by just putting some of your own dinner through a gartic press and

adding a bit of liquid. The people of Eastern Europe are poor and getting poorer. They neither need, nor can they afford, baby foods. 1 do not mean to single out Gerber. I

FRANCOIS DUPUIS.

Regarding "Spoon-Feeding a Polish Venture" (Finance, Nov. 9):

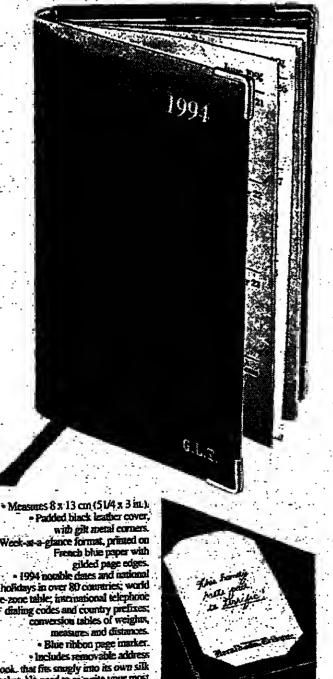
The article on the attempt by Gerber, the American baby-food maker, to

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Ho Chi Minh City as Movie Set: A Stroll Through Time

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By Andrew Ranard

O CHI MINH CITY - The French photographer oo the plane coming in said wistfully, "Saigon! Ah, Saigon! All my life I have wanted to come to Saigoo! Now I will be able to say, 'I have been in Saigon!' '

The man carried a backpack, and his budget wouldn't allow him to explore the more ostentatious sights of the city, but I envicd him. He was about 30; French history in Vietnam was far enough removed that he felt no embarrassment. He had the unnerving innocence, the gall, to celebrate his connec-tion as a Frenchman to the city.

For Americans, the interlude in Vietnam had been a journey to the barbed edge of the moon; for the French, the experience had also been bumiliating, but somehow they had turned it into a chivalrous romance. We got Michael Herr's "Dispatches" and the Wagnerian background music in "Apocalypse Now"; they got the steamy passages in Marguerite Duras's novel "The Lover" and the movie "Indochine."

Four days later I ran into the Frenchman on Dong Khoi Street in central Ho Chi Minh City, where he had become an extra in a movie. He was stunned by the irony. Now he was playing out his Vietnam fantasies in front of a camera for S25 a day. The movie was a South Korean production called "Farewell to Song Ba," a 24-episode series

for Korean SBS Channel-6 TV that covers an MP, a naval officer, an air force officer et American, " said Noah Potkin, the young the time from 1968 to the present The and a civilian." he said. He had the same the time from 1968 to the present. The actress Linh Dan Pham, who had co-starred in "Indochine," was in the film. She's right over there, the Frenchman said, pointing to a vintage Chevy Nova convertible, where she awaited her cue.

As the Frenchman and I talked, an American in his 20s, who was also an extra in the film, hung oo the edge of the cooversation. American. It was written all over him. Youthful, confident, energetic; the best and brightest of intentions and he wanted to get in. Twenty years ago, his hair would have been long but the wire-rim glasses would have been the same, and he would have been demonstrating at Kent State. In Vietnam during my tour, I had known soldiers like him -- cerebral but in those days cynical - who had pulled oumbers at the wrong end of the lottery and had ended up as clerks in Saigon or, to their horror, with their fingers on an M-16 trigger in the boonies.

I took out my notebook and asked if I could interview him. He was flattered. The crew was shooting its last shot before lunch, and as we talked, a handsome Asian actor started down Dong Khoi in a pedicab. The cameras began to roll. The young American was working, so we stepped into the back-ground in order to continue our conversa-tion. "So far I've been an army grunt, a Marine, an American government official,

and a civilian," he said. He had the same astonishment as the Frenchman, as though shuffling through a murky twilight world. And so what was the young man doing in ietnam? I asked.

"I'm studying Vietnamese and waiting for the embargo to be lifted," he said. "I've got a job with a company in publications."

E decided on lunch and turned the corner, ont of the movie set, past an old Citroën. Dejà vu. French cars from the '50s and American ones from the '60s are everywhere in Ho Chi Minh City; the entire city could be a period set. We took a seat at Restaurant 13, a popular outdoor café.

Something was always happening at this cafe, and sure coough something did. Two middle-aged playboys — one Vietnamese, the other European --- pulled up in a jeep and hopped out carrying tennis rackets, with young Vietnamese girlfriends in cut-off jeans at their sides. The street kids descended on their table, plying their al-burns of colonial Vietnamese, Cambodian and Laotian stamps and currency. One runty kid, who looked 9, but I knew to be 14, got along well with the Enropean, who pinched his cheek and said, "You should be in the movies."

We were all in the movies, it seemed. Or perhaps it was a novel if that was your taste. "I've just read Graham Greene's 'The Qui-

He struggled to find the right words. "It's amazing how little has changed." Had he met the old man who owned the

used bookshop? I asked.

He had not. So I closed my notebook and told him the story, which I offer in more detail here.

The old man speaks fluent French, he's ot a white beard and he looks saintly, like got a white beard and ne looks samuy, may Ho Chi Minh. He worked for The Associat-ed Press during the war and got trapped in Saigon when it fell. Peter Arnett tried to get him out, and the old man and his family were actually on their way to Tan Son Nhut Airport with Arnett on April 28, 1975, two days before the fall, when the airport was rocketed and there was panic. They had to turn back.

His escape was foiled again the night be-fore the fall when he and his family were left stranded at the gate of the American Embassy. A part-time American journalist, who had been assigned to help him get into the embassy, had not turned up.

The man had sold his properties for a quarter of their worth and transferred his assets into cash and gold. When Saigon fell, there were 2,000 libraries in the country and they were all plundered. There were the provincial libraries; the embassy libraries; each American base had a bbrary. There were 50,000 to 60,000 books alone in the

Abraham Lincoln Library. All these books ended up at street vendors' stands.

The old man had a French sense of bumor. He had said there were only two things in life he cared about: good wine and good books. When the pillaging began, he sent his wife-out to buy a year's supply of California wine, and then he began his career as a book collector.

E spent the next five years compiling a collection of 10,000 to 15,000 volumes, at the rate of the book vendors, "fishing" out a dozen or so volumes at a time.

"I loved the fishing," he said. "When I was looking for books, I was lost to every-thing. I would spend hours looking for them, and with each two or three days reading them. I didn't need to eat or drink. That's what it's like when you're passionate about books." It was from this collectioo that he opened up his used book store.

That's a good one, Noah acknowledged. But there's more, I said, a twist and a coup d'éclat. Saigon was in chaos before it fell. Those who were leaving were saying good-bye to family and friends. The old man had a brother in the South Vietnamese military a promer in the South Vietnamese minitary who was not high up, so he would have to stay. They said good-bye; but the brother had a son who was a belicopter pilot. When the city fell, the son jumped in a helicopter, flew over the father's house, let down a rope

ladder, and the entire family scrambled up. The son flew the helicopter out to a U.S. aircraft carrier and landed. The family disembarked and the helicopter was pushed overboard.

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That was how it was in the days before the city fell, the old man said. "You see how contrary it was. My brother's family is living in America and I have been here." I reopened my notebook. What were No-

ah's observations of Vietnam? "In the U.S. they can't separate Vietnam from the Vietnam War," he said. "But over here the war is over. Seventy percent of the population is under 30."

Now wait, is that a fact? I asked him. "Tm not sure," Noah answered, "but I know they're young and they don't remember the war. It's just one of many wars they've gone through to get rid of the foreigners. Before the Americans, it was the French, and before the French, it was the Chinese."

It was as if I had heard a recording. This was the standard response you got 20 years ago from college kids who were against the war. The ghost of that argument was still alive today.

Noah struggled for his handle. "My father was over here," he said. "He was drafted. He was an infantry grunt in '68. I'm the same age as he was then. I never thought I'd turn up with a gun in my hands as an infantry soldier fighting in Vietnam."

Andrew Ranard writes from Southeast Asia.

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Al Pacino in "Carlito's Way" and a scene from "Addams Family Values."

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Carlito's Way

Directed by Brian De Palma. U. S.

For quite some time during "Carlito's Way." we are satisfied to watch Al Pacino perform. In the role of Carlito Brigante, club owner, ex-con and former smack kingpin in New York's Spanish Harlem, this marvelous actor, with his Mephistophelian beard, glowering eyes and black leather coat. looks smashingly world-weary. Mesmerized by his energy, his lean, rugged features and his sharp, emphatic moves, we are happy just to watch him, without thinking much about the film's laggardly pace or its overworked themes. Still, about halfway through, the overig fact that the movie is

this gifted filmmaker run through his tired bag of tricks. Watching "Carlito's Way," all you can think is, "Brian, why aren't you over this gangsters and guns and blood stuff yet?" (Hal Hinson, WP)

Lss gens normaux n'ont rien d'exception-

Directed by Laurence Ferreira Barbosa. France. When Martine, a hectic and contrary young woman (Valeria Bruni-Tedeschi) is dumped by her boyfriend, she runs temporarily amok and is handed over to a psychiatric ward. It turns out to be the perfect place for her to operate: She will smoke the crazies out of their rigid enarios, sho v up the doc as inept, inject a spirit of rebellion in the wards. Finally, she organizes a picnie on the lawn and forces the inmates into couples with the idea that disturbed people would be better off with more love in their lives. The "normal" staff and family, depicted as insensitive and uncomprehending, get their come-uppance io this dog of a comedy (roughly translated as "Nothing extraordinary about normal people"), which does not tread lightly. There's more

acting up than acting, and just about every character is improbable, perhaps because that was the only way the director could find to make a farce out of mental distress. (Joan Dupont, IHT) Addams Family Values Directed by Barry Sonnen-

feld. U.S. "These Addams men --- where do you find them?" coos the family's voluptuous new namy (Joan Cusack), trying to make a good impression. "It has to be damp," explains Morticia (Anjelica Hustoo), the Addamses' reigning mistress of witchy deliv-ery and sly, sugar-coated malice. "He has my father's eyes," coos Gomez (Raul Julia), admiring

visual stunts without wearing

out their welcome, and be sus-

tains much more exuberance

From Lift to Lift, in Austria's Gastein Valley

By Wayne Curtis

ADGASTEIN, Austria --- A ski D trip to the Gastein Valley in Aus-tria will be memorable for any number of reasons, not the least of which is the eclectic collection of 53 ski lifts that stitches together the five ski mountains. A funicular ascends halfway up one moun-tain, where it connects to a cable car. Chairhifts range from creaky two-seaters to briskly efficient detachable quads. A decidedly modern high-speed, six-seat gondola whisks skiers 3,700 feet (1,033 meters) up from a valley train station to a summit lodge in a matter of minutes.

And then there are the T-bars, which are pientiful on novice and expert slopes alike. This will oot come as good news to those who associate them with embarrassing spills and stiff legs.

Some of the T-bars offer pleasing, gentle ascents, such as the Hirschkarlift, which runs along an undulating ridge linking an inviting bowl with an open mountainside slope. But others ascend implausibly steep hills at harrowing velocities. This includes the much-dreaded Kreuzkogellift (scheduled to be replaced by a chairlift in 1994), which takes skiers to the highest ski peak in the valley. This lift, "T-bar from hell," rockets up a 1,500-foot ascent at a reckless speed that seems to put the lift attendant in mortal danger of decapitation. It was all we could do to stay in our tracks and avoid the tragie divots left by less fortunate skiers ahead of us.

This lively pastiche of vintage and modern lifts seems emblematic of the Gastein Valley. 60 miles (100 kilometers) south of Salzburg. The region has evolved from a resort famous ion, that Badgastein drew much attention, for its therapeutic hot springs to a winter attracting the likes of King Wilhelm I of resort that attracts thousands of skiers to its Prussia and Emperor Franz Joseph of Aus-



stated pensions ching to the granite hillside, thermal water grew twice as fast as those in each seemingly straining to get the best ordinary water.) Patients today report that glimpse of the falls, which tumbles under a radon treatments make them feel more alive gracefully arched bridge and through the town's center. The valley is so narrow and Six miles d the hills so sheer that the ski peaks above gastein spreads across a broader, flatter sec-tion of the valley and it is sunnier than its are scarcely visible, and sunlight seems to hit only for a few hours each day. Badga-stein also has 18 hot springs, the source of hillside neighbor. Surrounding the village center of narrow streets and boutiques are its early wealth and fame.

HE hot springs were discovered in the seventh century. But it was not until the mid-19th century, when the Alps suddenly burst into fash-

For skiers, of course, the chief amenities of the Gastein Valley are the ski lifts. Those lifts serve four main alpine peaks; one other, the south-facing Grankogel, opens only when and the snow conditions warrant. Schlossalm and Stubnerkogel --- which are linked by chairlifts - dominate the central part of the valley and occupied us for most of our stay, because they offer the greatest variety of terrain. Our connection to the mountain was the funicular, a fast and efficient train that moved smartly along a steeply angled track. Midway up the mountain, everyone shuffled out of the relatively spacious nicular and into a crammed cable car for

Six miles downriver, the town of Bad Hof-

alpine range to the next, a somewhat jarring sight after a day in the tightly confined valley. Where the valley was cold, damp and in a state of perpetual winter twilight, the ridge was warm, dry and painfully bright in the morning sun. Billowy snowfields tucked into the folds and ravines below us, looking a bit like sheets covering furniture at a summer cottage closed for the season. Lift lines stitched this vast fabric together; some lifts connected upward toward the peaks above, others rose from timberline below.

Snow conditions were spotty at best in the valley. Snow-making techniques were somewhat primitive, consisting of snow guns mounted on the backs of Sno-Cats. Operators of those mobile units blanket areas where the cover is thinnest, not taking the time to groom, then move on to another area.

As a result, skiers first accelerate on icy slopes, then suddenly pitch forward, some times with disastrous results, as they hit new patches of ankle-deep, man-made snow. After several runs, we retreated to Bad Hofgas- ." tein. On days when the ski conditions were poor, diversions weren't hard to find. Exploting either of the two central towns easily occupied a few hours.

For working out knee and muscle stiff-ness, the walking path between Badgastein and Bad Hofgastein along the River Achen was well-plowed and nicely maintained, if a bittle monotonous. (The river had been wid-ened and straightened during some fit of civil engineering in years past.) Numerous crosscountry ski tracks also dotted the valley.

newer resort hotels of four or five stories, . Then, of course, there were the baths. Both many of which have attempted to blend into the surroundings by adding heavy wooden balconics and chalet-style roofs. Badgastein and Bad Hofgastein have large public bath houses, which are popular with 'il everyone from young children to the elderly. At Badgastein, the modern concrete and plate-glass Therman Tempel offered heated swimming indoors and out, a spacious sauna therapies (by medical prescription only). Men and women alike are required to wear bathing caps, looking like so many Easter eggs and lending the pool a festive appear-At Badgastein, the main bathhouse is across from the main lift. It is not quite as modern as the Therman Tempel, but offers an enjoyable way to slowly soak the chill from one's bones, and to contemplate the next day's endeavor.

complete nothing becomes too much to ignore. Set during what may be the dying minutes of Carlito's life as he is being gurneyed into the emergency room, the film flashes back through the key events and people in the character's recent st, emphasizing in particular the time since he was released from a five-year prison term. Brian De Palma's direction is alert but dispirited, and certainly for us there is a sense of drudgery in having to observe

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Yet past and present mingle comfortably "Addams Family Values." "Gohere, weaving a rich and vibrant texture. In mez," Morticia says evenly, "take those out of his mouth." the lobbies of the hotels, you can spot gran-des dames fresh from the medicinal baths tent that was said to aid in recovery from Now it could be that the making along with young skiers with hurid pink hair of this sequel was sheer drudgery and chartreuse snow suits. That spirit seems the joints, chronic theumatism, circulatory for all concerned. But it doesn't to infect the whole of the valley seem likely. Barry Somenfeld repeats some of the first film's

Two resort towns dominate the long nar-row valley: Badgastein and Bad Hofgastein. Badgastein is the more venerable of the two, the water. The thermal springs were found situated at the bead of the valley, perched on to emit radon 222, an inert gas that enters than a sequel might be expected a horseshoe-shaped rim overlooking a tumul- into the lungs of those soeking in the baths. to have. (Janet Maslin, NYT) tuous 500-foot waterfail.

tria, among others. Badgastein's stock continued to soar through the end of the century, with hotels touting indoor hot water (an various maladies, including degeneration of problems and inflammation of muscles, ten-

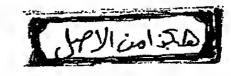
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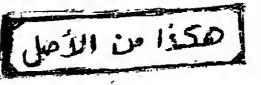
(That discovery set off a number of studies, Old mansard-roofed hotels and under- including one that determined frogs kept in

of 3,955 feet. From the cable car station at the top of Maine, and skis frequently, wrote this for The Schlossaim, the horizon unfolded from one New York Times.

Wayne Curtis, who lives in Portland.

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Brussels Pelais des Beaux-Arts (tel: 507.84.80). Continuing/To bec. 19: "The Eagle and the Sun: 3,000 Years of Mexican Art." Thethe Royal de la Monnaie (tel: 217.22.11). A new production of Robert Schumanne "Manfred," con-ducted by, Olat Henzold, with Manfred Karge and Alexandra von Schwerin, Dec. 9 (commerc) 10.11 Schwerin, Dec. 9 (premiere), 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15.

BRITAIN London

Barbloan Art Gallery (tai: 071.638.5403). To Dec. 12: "Al-process Mucha, 1860-1939." Mucha from the state of
cues of towers and vines. His style soon became synonymous with Art Decc. Continuing/To Dec. 12: "Bill Brandt Photographs 1928-33." Design Musaum (tell: 071.403.5933). To Jan. 30: "Grafice Utile: Italian Posters of Social Infor-mation, Protest and Celebration." A selection of controversial posters cooduced by city councils, pressure produced by city councils, pressure groups and civil rights organizations depict Italian social and cultural transformation — the rise of terror-ism, radical politics and sustained aconomic. expansion - between 1975 and 1992.

1975 and 1992; Royal Acadamy of Arts (tel; 071.439.7438). Continuing/To Dec. 12: "American Art in the 20th Century." More than 230 works by some 60 artists highlighting the de-velopment of American sculpture and painting since 1913. Tate Gallery. (tel: 887.6000). To March 13: "Contemporary Prints: Recent Gifts to the Collection." New acourtistions include prints by Seen

acquisitions include prints by Sean Scully, Per Kirkeby, Jasper Johns and Luclen Freud, among others. Oxford

Ashmolean Museum (tel: 865.278.000). Continuing/To Jan. 16: "The Engravings of Roger Vielland."

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Kunet Mueeum (tel: 0228.77.52.60). To Jan. 9: "Christo: The Pont-Neut Wrapped, Paris 1975-85." Photographs and drawings. tween 1905 and 1924.

JAPAN

Cologne Josef-Haubrich-Kunsthelle (1el: 2.212.335). To Jan, 2: "From Male-vich to Kabekov: The Russian Avant-Garde in the 20th Century." Features 600 paintings, collages, drawings, gouaches and photographs from the pre-Revolutionary era to the post-Statinist reaction, and exclores the Impact of the Russian artists on their Western European counterparts. Tokyo National Museum of Modern Art (tal: 03.3211.7781). To Dec. 12: "The Origin of Yakimono Pottary: Ta-blewara from the Shussal Kila." Works from a kiln founded almost 50 years ago by five farmers' sons. NETHERLANDS estern European counterparts.

De Nederlandse Opera (tal: 551.89.22). Verdi's "La Traviata," conducted by Graeme Jenkins with

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Fundació Antoni Taples (1el: 487.0315). To Jen. 16: "Alrica Ex-plores. 20th-Century Alrican Art." This survey of contemporary African art examines tolk and traditional art as well as functional art.

Madrid

Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Softa (Tel: 467 50 62). To Jan.13: "Viena 1900." More than an evocation of painters such as Klimt, Schele and Kokoschiea, this exhibition is a reconstruction of fin-de-se-tion is a reconstruction of fin-de-se-cle Vienna with sections on erchitec-ture (Josel Hoffman), litereture (manuscripts by Musil and Freud) and music (Mahler, Schoenberg and Berg).

SWITZERLAND

Zurich Kunsthaus (tel: 251.87.65). To Feb. 20; "Joseph Beuys." Installations windows, murals, sculptures and drawings by the multifaceted German artist who fived between 1921 and 1986.

UNITED STATES

Chicago The Art Institute of Chicago (tel 443.3600). To Nov. 30: "Max Emst Dada and the Dawn of Surrealism." 180 paintings, collages, drawings, as well as pieces involving photomon-tage, overpainting, and the rubbing technique the Surrealist painter...... vented, over the years 1912-1927. Houston

Houston Muceum ot Fine Arte (tal: 713.639.73.00). To Jan. 9: "Ken-neth Notand: The Circle Paintings, 1956-04." Traces the artist's devel-opment in the depletion of circles. These shapes range from free-hand designa to hard-edge compositions. New York

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Abbey Court/Holland Park/Executive Hotel	London	Three nights for the price of two (with breakfast) from Dec. 24 lo March 1.
Air France	United States to Europe	"Business Fast" program allows one-way travel by Concorde from New York to Paris plus free three-day car rental for the cost of e round-trip business-cless ticket. Velid for travel from New York, Boston or Washington to Paris and points in Europe. Until April 15.
British Alrways/USAir	United States	USAir Frequent Traveler Program members can earn mileage cre- dits when traveling British Airweys. Members of BA's Executive Club Frequent Traveler Program U.S.A. can earn mileage credit on USAir, the USAir Shuttle and USAir Express flights.
Delta Air Lines	United States to Australasia	Members of Delta's frequent-flier program can redeem 150,000 miles for two business-class tickets on Air New Zealand to New Zealand, Fiji, Cook Islands, Western Samoa or Tonga, Until Dec. 14.
Finnair	United States to Europe	Business-class passengers earn four times the basic coach-class mileage points in Finnair Plus (North America) frequent-flier pro- gram. Until Dec. 15.
KLM/Tulip Hotels	Hong Kong to Europe	Buy a round-trip ticket to Europe before March 15 and get 30 per- cent off the published rate plus free breakfast al certain Golden Tulip Hotels (except in Frankfurt/London/Zurich).
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Although the IHT carefully checks these offers, please be forewarned that some travel agants may be unaware of them, or unable to book them

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f you never got far beyond the "la plume de ma tante est sur la table" level in your language cours-tante est sur la table" level in your language courses but still dream of gabbling fluently in a foreign tongue, a vacation in the country of your choice may provide the opportunity you are looking for, whether you sign up for language, cooking or art classes. Here are some attractive options.

At the Institut de Français in Villefranche, near Nice, the beauty of the setting on the French Riviera helps to take the pain out of learning. The school offers two- or fourweek total-immersion courses that stress diversified teaching approaches in small groups in a French-only speaking environment. Classes are held in a handsome hillside villa overlooking the port town and the sea, and the center can arrange for housing in its own apartments in town or in a hotel. Two meals a day are included.

The Université d'Aix Marseille III, located in the lovely old Provencal town of Aix-en-Provence, offers three intensive four-week courses in French in June, July and September, Small groups spend 20 hours a week in class, and in the afternoons, two-hour workshops cover special topics such as comic books ta veritable art form in France), French literature and poetry, or commercial French. Saturdays are

devoted to outings in Provence. The university is willing to help students find living accommodations, and students may also take courses during the university's normal semesters, from October to January or February to May.

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The International Center for French Studies tC.I.E.F.1 is a special French language and civilization program within

the Université Lumière Lyon 2. The center benefits from classes in French for adults and children. all the facilities of a major university and its location in the center of the tranquil provincial city of Lyon while offering courses specially adapted to the needs of foreigners. A summer school program in July and September provides intensive language courses as well as a varied program of cultural and recreational activities. The center also caters to groups of students from foreign universities who wish to have a program especially designed for them.

Another university-related program is offered at the Université d'Eté de Boulogne sur Mer, which is affiliated

dents, with a minimum age of 18 years. Students can enroll for one-week, two-week or six-week courses. Business language courses are held for two- or four-week periods. Special courses for companies and for French professors re also available.

For groups of 12 or more, the school offers courses held in a chaleau near Montpellier, with lodging, meals and excursions included. In October and February, there is a week-long course on wine appreciation, also held at the château.

For those for whom France means Paris and only Paris, there is the Institut Parisien, which offers both intensive and extensive courses year-round. There is also instruction in French history, art history and literature, as well as business French and French for tourists. In addition, the school organizes trips to museums and plays. Special courses can be adapted to the needs of schools or companies, and help is provided in finding accommodations.

Parsons Paris, primarily known as a design school, also has an English-as-a-second-language program. The school's fine art, art history, fashion, decorative arts and

architecture and photography classes are all taught in English. The school also has new programs in visual communications (photography. illustration and communication design), design marketing and continuing education. The latter offers evening and Saturday fine-arts classes for children from ages six to 14, as well as a few art

If you wish to learn to cook French haute cuisine while brushing up on your French. Paris offers two choices that conduct cooking classes in French and English simultane-

The five-year-old Ecole de Gastronomie Française Ritz-Escoffier, named after the renowned chef who reigned over the kitchens of the prestigious Hôtel Ritz a hundred years ago, offers special holiday courses.

In the Christmas Course, students will learn how to cook traditional French Christmas and New Year's meals (very

best with it and how to make a terrine. A holiday buffet lunch is included. Sylvano Serventi, author of the book "Le Foie Gras" will be on hand to share his expertise and answer questions.

Another one-day course on Dec. 4 is devoted to the traditional French New Year's Eve dinner, and includes plenty of advice on how to make it a magical evening.

The three-day course Holiday Cuisine covers the preparation and organization of Christmas dinner. Essential elements of a French holiday meal - foie gras, buche de Noël (Christmas log) and marrons glaces will be given all due attention, as will appropriate decorations.

Other interesting options offered by the Cordon Bleu are guided tour around the marvelous open-air markets of Paris, complete with advice on the best seasonal buys, followed by lunch at the Cordon Bleu and an afternoon spent preparing a meal with the morning's purchases; and the two-day Epicurean Adventure, in which the first day is spent discovering the 365 cheeses of France and the second tasting the regional wines that go best with them.

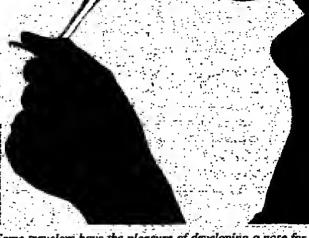
France does not have a monopoly on interesting courses for foreigners, however.

City University is an American-based university with a program designed especially for working adults and with an "open-door" admissions policy. It has 27 locations worldwide, including European branches in Zurich, Frankfurt, Vienna, Bratislava and Trencin and offers degrees in more than 75 academic fields. The European programs focus on the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and the Master of Business Administration. Specialues offered in the MBA program include financial management, marketing, information systems, managerial leadership, technology and engineering management, and health-care management.

New courses start every four and six weeks, and credits earned while abroad can be transferred to other educational institutions in the United States and abroad. Distance learning is also possible if a student travels to a location where City University does not have a program.

One of the major problems with learning a language is finding the time to do it. For this reason, CERAN-Langues has designed highly intensive courses (more than 66 bours per week) that allow their busy students, primarily diplomats, politicians and businesspeople, to learn a language in the shortest time possible. Students, even debutants, begin speaking the language right from the start at the welcome cocktail party. Professors are present at all three meals and during breaks and parties to ensure that students do not slip

back into their mother tongues. Languages taught at CERAN include French, English, German, Dutch, Italian and Japanese, and the school has



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Some travelers have the pleasure of developing a nose for fine wines while they vacation abroad.

hours of activities that plunge the student into the culture of the language being studied.

For the younger set, the Ecole Lémania in Lausanne, one of the largest private secondary schools in Switzerland, is located in a peaceful, woodsy setting. Founded in 1908, the school takes in both boarders and day students and prepares them for Swiss, French or U.S. universities, or for hotel or business school entrance. Summer courses in French and English are offered for a minimum of three weeks and up to three months, depending on the needs of the student. A wide variety of options to liven up and supplement grammar study is available, ranging from environ-mental studies to the writing, editing and production of a magazine, and the study of French cinema. Optional recreational activities include mountain walks in the Alps, and excursions to historical sites and nearby villages.

Leysin American School is another boarding school, located in the Swiss Alps, where students can obtain an American high-school diploma and/or the International Baccalaureate. During the summer, Leysin has a special program in a mountain resort village. Students takes courses in English as a second language, French, German, art. English literature or anthropology for four hours in the morning and spend the afternoons participating in sports, excursions and other activities. The multinational summer school is known for its theater program, which produces one play per week. The school is also proud of the supportive family atmosphere it provides.

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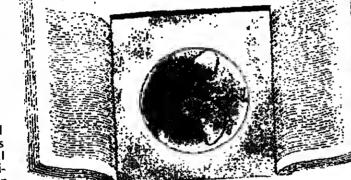
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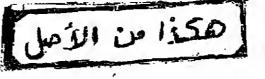
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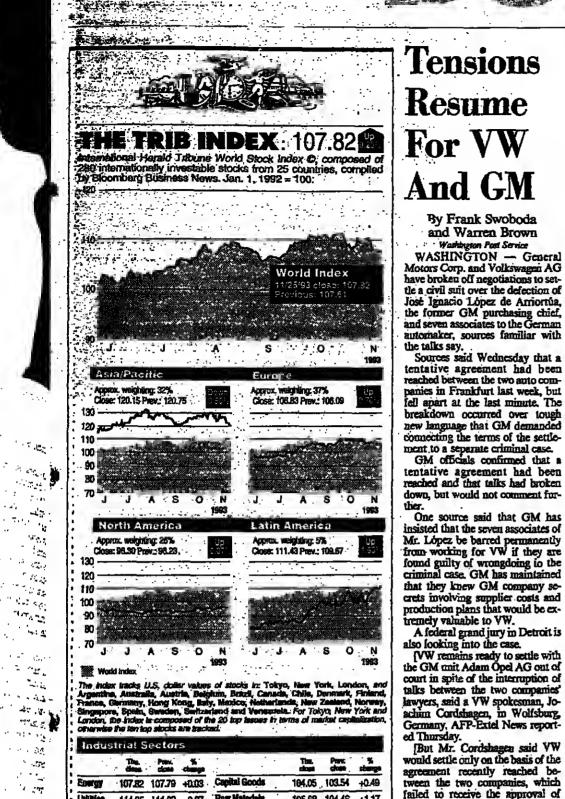


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Will Interest Rates Hold? Analysts in U.S. See Continuing Lows

By Sylvia Nasar

New York Times Service NEW YORK - Despite a recent upturn in interest rates, many economists and market ana-lysts believe that the United States has entered an era of rates far lower than in the 1980s that is likely to last for many years, thanks to a host of forces ranging from an inflation-fighting Federal Reserve to a slow-growing world economy.

"We really are in an environment of lower interest rates," said Joel L. Prakken, an economist at Laurence H. Meyer & Associates, a forecasting firm in St. Louis that predicted the sharp decline in rates earlier this year. "We call it, Back to the

Even though long-term rates have jumped oearly half a percentage point in recent weeks, they remain appetizingly low to middle-aged baby boomers, many of whose first mortgages were about 12 percent.

While current interest rates -- with a long-term Treasury bond rate of about 6.3 percent — are not unusually low in an historical perspective, they are low enough to benefit the economy.

To be sure, the only certain thing about interest rates is that they will not stay where they are today. Some analysis expect rates to edge down again. Others, like James E. Annable, chief economist at the First National Bank of Chicago, say long-term rates will rise more, as they often do when an expansion progresses and inflation picks up. Mr. Annable looks for long-bond rates to average about 7 percent next year.

More certain, according to most forecasters, is that short-term rates, which are at 30-year lows, will rise as the economy keeps growing.

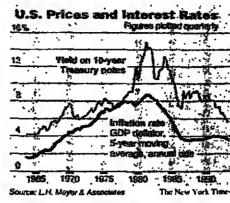
What is striking, however, is that almost oo one expects a return any time soon to the days of double-digit interest rates and spiraling inflation. For now, both bears and bulls predict rates will move up and down in a far narrower band, roughly 5 to 7 percent, than they did for most of the 1980s, when they fluctuated between 8 and 14 percent.

"You'll have plain vanilla interest-rate fluctua-tions," said Richard B. Hoey, chief economist and portfolio manager of Dreyfus Corp. He said rates could as easily go up as they could go down in the immediate future.

"But you won't repeat the bear market from 1979 to 1981, which was the bond equivalent of the Great Crash in the stock market of 1929 to 1932," he said. "The 1980s were the aberration, oot 1993."

Most people agree that rates like those many of their mothers and fathers paid on their home and business loans would be golden, not just for the would-be owner of a house or a Range Rover, but also for the economy. Low rates, in particular low inflation-adjusted

rates, tend to favor investments from college educations and computers to highways and houses. Just about everyone from President Bill Clinton on down believes that more investment is needed to raise American standards of living. Economists expect rates to remain lower than



during the 1980s because they do oot expect either inflation or credit demand to surge in the '90s. Take inflation. There are few signs of inflationary pressures in the economy. The Consumer Price Index has risen at an annual rate of only 3 percent in the last year, and the Blue Chip conse insus of economic forecasters expects the index to rise at

about the same rate next year. Unemployment is inching down, and capacity utilization is edging up slowly. The dollar has been drifting up. Oil prices are not expected to soar in a weak world economy. Europe and Japan are still slumping and are not expected to generate increases in commodity prices.

More important, most people now say they believe that inflation will stay low, which should hold down speculative pressures, like higher wage demands and price increases.

A quarterly survey by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia shows that inflation expectations have fallen steadily over the last decade. Business executives polled to the survey predicted that the consumer inflatioo rate would be running at only about 3.5 percent 10 years from now.

That is in sharp contrast to the predictions made in 1981, when inflation was in the double digits, and executives predicted a consumer inflation rate of more than 8 percent for the next decade.

"What's really different is that people's expecta-tions have genuinely switched from a high-infla-tion world to a low-inflation world," said Christina Romer, an economist at the University of California at Berkeley who has studied interest-rate trends over the last century.

Most economists give much of the credit for the change in expectations to the Federal Reserve and the credibility that it has built as an inflation fighter during the reigns of Paul A. Volcker, who became the Fed's chairman in 1979, and Alan Greenspan, the chairman since 1987.

"Obviously, the Federal Reserve isn't omni scient and perfect, and there are political considerations that impinge on monetary policy," said William Poole, an economist at Brown University

Oil Prices Slide As OPEC Fails to Set New Quotas

VIENNA — Oil prices cootin-ued to fall on Thursday after the 12 OPEC exporters failed to agree on even a token cut in output to halt a long, recession-led slide.

London crude oil futures for the benchmark Brent Blend fell to \$14.56 per barrel, down 58 cents from Wednesday. At one point the price was at \$14.18, the weakest

since November 1988. A year ago oil traded at around \$20. "OPEC has abrogated its cartel responsibilities, and the consumer smiles," said Peter Gignoux, head of the London energy desk for Smith Barney Shearson. The Organization of Petroleum

Exporting Countries was founded in 1960 to win a fair return for Third World producers. But cur-rent prices, allowing for inflation, are weaker than at any time since before the 1973 Arab oil embargo. In two days of talks in Vienna this week, OPEC oil ministers considered a modest cut of 500,000 barrels daily on their agreed ceiling

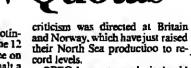
of 24.5 million. On paper, that would have been in line with downward revisions of demand forecasis in the present. weakened world economy. But they decided that that would not be enough to deter new raids oo

the price by speculators to the petroleum futures markets. A cut of up to 1.5 millioo barrels daily was considered but also reiected. That would have been so big that some members would find it impossible to honor their oew quotas, Oil Minister Gholamreza Agazadeh of Iran said.

A sobsequeot communique strengthened an impression that OPEC was abdicating its pricing role and returning to a fight for market share with echoes of 1986. when a production free-for-all took prices down below \$10.

The communiqué said, "The conference does not consider that OPEC alone should continue to bear the burden of balancing supply and demand and believes that all producers should join in this effort

OPEC later made it clear that its



OPEC does oot see why it should curb output and let others poach its buyers, said the group's secretarygeneral, Subroto of Indonesia.

"There is something fishy going on to the North Sea," said Ali Abmed Baghli, oil minister of Kuwait. But he said he believed that, even without oew production cuts, prices had hit bostom.

"Why assume the worst? 1 am optimistic," he said. "Cold weather is coming. The market will adjust

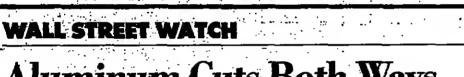
BAe Reaches Pacts With Indonesia

Computed by Our Staff From Dispatche LONDON - British Aerospace PLC said Thursday it had agreed with Indonesia to cooperate oo making passenger cars for the indooesian domestic market while exploring the idea of a venture to build regional turboprop airplanes.

The agreements, involving Brit-ish Aerospace and its automaking subsidiary, Rover Group, were signed Tuesday in London by B.J. Habibie, the Indonesian minister for research and technology, and Dick Evans, British Aerospace chief executive.

On the airplane deal, British Aerospace and the state-run air-craft builder PT lodustri Pesawat Terbang Nusantara will look into forming a joint venture to design, develop and manufacture regional turboprop aircraft. British Aerospace already assists

IPTN, based to Bandung, West Java, in making its twin engine, 44seat turboprop CN-235 aircraft. lodonesia is also a customer for British Aerospace's Hawk jet trainer aircraft (AP, Bloomberg)



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EW YORK - Few companies would pass up a chance to ... wish away a big competitor. And apparently, the American aluminum industry is willing to dojust that --even if it means losing a big customer while they're at it. All five publicly traded Ameri-

can producers of ahuminom have seen their stocks move up in recent days, some by as much as 10 percent. Investors are anticipat-ing that Western nations will persuade reluctant aluminum producers from the Commonwealth of Independent States to curb production and help stem a world glut of the metal.

world glut of the metal. But investors, and perhaps the aluminum companies now lob-bying in Washington for help, may not be thinking enough about some of the consequences of getting what they wish for. For one thing, the United States is a major supplier of a key raw material for the aluminum made by Russia and other for-

made by Russia and other for-mer Soviet states. Cutting back aluminam production from Russia also means less profit for some U.S. companies.

As the former members of the Soviet Union have stopped using their own aluminum for fighter planes and missiles, they have

mount a costly rescue of the American producers in a tough world's metal markets with their products, driving down prices. Oo Thursday, aluminum prices on the London spot mar-ket were quoted at 47.1 cents a pound, hall their level before the economy with an ambitious domestic agenda facing it is un-clear. But that is precisely what many investors seem to be exend of the Cold War.

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pecting it to do. "The only reason I can think Major American producers of for the strength in the alumihave called on the Russian connum shares is speculation that these government-to-govern-Cutting Russia's

ment negotiations prove fruit-ful," John C. Tumazos, a metals analyst at Donaldson, Lufkin & aluminum exports Jenrette, said.

But a big rollback in Russian. production would crimp Russian purchases of alumina, a whitish powder that is vital in making

GM's top management. The

spokesman, declined to confirm that the talks had broken off, say-

ing they "had been interrupted." [In Rüsselsheim, Germany, Bru-

no Seifert, a spokesman for Opel,

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said talks had not broken down.]

Even though the aluminum market has been unkind of late, tingent to roll back production 35 percent, from 3.1 million met-ric tons to 2.0 million metric tons alumina has been a huge money-maker. Aluminum Co. of Ameri-ca, a Pittsburgh-based company whose stock has moved up 5.3 a year, and to bring exports much closer to their 1989 levels percent since last week, had a profit of \$36 million in the third quarter from its half-interest in of 250,000 tons, compared with 1.6 million tons annually at prean alumina producer, Alcoa of

Meanwhile, Renters reported Australia. Charles A. Bradford, a metals Thursday that Russia and the analyst at UBS Securities, adds that those results were no one-European Community were holding talks this week and ma-jor Western aluminum producers time wonder. Alumina, he said, were to meet with representaalso accounted for 84 percent of the company's second-quarter profit and all of its first-quarter tives of Russia in Washington oext week, in efforts to reduce the world aluminum glut. profit

International Herald Tribune It was another wild day for the Magic Kingdom as shares in Euro Disney kicked off Thursday by shedding a further 9 percent of their value before bouncing back to 29.40 francs, up 2.2 francs on the day as overall Paris market rose by 2.3 percent. Again on Thursday there

Again on Thursday there was heavy trading of the shares with analysts attributing Euro Disney's robust afternoon performance to bargain hunting in the wake of five days of losses that had sliced 23 percent off the company's market value. construction costs. Although the American compa-

Most analysis remained deeply skeptical aboot the company's ny has little to lose financially, ana-lysts noted that it has much to lose in terms of its image, both with the skepilcal about the company. Prospects, however. With debt of 20 billion francs (\$3.39 billion) and losses for the year ended Sept. 30 at 5.34 billion francs, Euro Disney's fate hinges The the company with the company that trades on

francs, Euro Disney's fate hinges on the concessions the company can wring out of its creditors. Walt Disney Co., the U.S. parent of the park, agreed earlier this month to pump cash into the pro-ject to keep it running, but only for what it described as a "limited peri-od."

Od." On the face of it, the U.S. compa-ny would seem to have the stronger hand in its bargaining with banks. Although it owns 49 percent of Euro Disney, its actual cash invest-ment amounts to only about 1 bil-lion frances out of the 24 billion frances spent to build the complex. Charles Allen, an analyst with NatWest Securities, said that the contract was "ludicrously biased" in favor of Walt Disney Co. "Even

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million visitors in the last year, down less than 10 percent from the company's original projections. "To get that many people to the midst of a recession is not at all bad," said Mr. Allen. "The probeven in Paris there were too many empty rooms. Even worse, analysts said, if Euro Disney's creditors decided to push the park into liquidation, such a move would merely throw open the door to Walt Disney to come back and buy it lock, stock and Fantasyland for a fraction of its lem is that their costs were far too high.'



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PARIS - France's statecontrolled automaker Renault SA will be the next industrial group to be privatized after Elf-Aquitaine, an Industry Minis-try official said Thursday. 600 512 5 % S % S % 673 Elf-Aquitaine will be sold in the early months of next year. No time frame was given for Renault's sale by the official. The decision on Renault is clearly aimed at placatiog shareholders of Sweden's Volvo AB, who are threatening to scuttle a planned merger of the two automakers (Page 12). The government also said Thursday it had raised slightly more than 13 billion francs Ch'se +1,45 (\$2.21 billion) from the sale of its 43 percent stake in Rhône-Poulenc SA, which ended Tuesday. (AP, Bloomberg)

Renault Is Next To Be Sold, **Official Says** Compiled by Our Staff From Dispate

Commerzbank Net Up 51.8% In 10 Months

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Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches FRANKFURT - Commerzbank AG, Germany's third-largest bank, said Thursday that its operating profit for the 10 months ended Oct. 31 rose 51.8 percent from a year earlier, driven mainly by profit on trading for its own account.

Chairman Martin Knhlhaussen said that management was considering an increase from last year's dividend of 10 DM, but cautioned that a final decision would not be made until the end of the year.

Operating profit totaled 909 million Deutsche marks (5534.6 million). The bank's net income from trading surged to 475 million DM in the reporting period, nearly three times the figure of 163 million DM recorded a year ago.

The bank said that its risk provisions fell 20.8 percent, to 1.369 billion DM. But Mr. Kohlhaussen said that the German recession remained a major concern and that German clients accounted for 75 percent of the 1993 provisions.

A spokesman said that a year ago the figure had also included major provisions for Olympia & York Developments Ltd. and Hafnia Holding S/A.

BONN - Germany's national audit office has proposed that the government huy fewer Eurofighter planes and get less-costly Russian MiG-29s for its air force, according to a document made available Thursday.

A letter from the audit office to Defense Minister Volker Rühe warned that "the development of Eurnfighter 2000 is currently in an extremely critical stage.

The Eurofighter, whose maiden flight has been delayed until April because of problems with its computerized steering system, is being developed hy Britain, Germany, Italy and Spain. The Budit office said Germany could save mon-

ey by huying upgraded MiG-29Ms and nifsetting the price against Russia's hard-currency debt. No price was mentioned but a less-sophisticated MiG-

29 is being offered by Russia on the world market for about \$30 million.

Bonn, which is only committed to the development phase of the Eurolighter, will decide in 1995 whether to huv an estimated 140 aircraft at 90 million Deutsche marks (\$53 million) each. The planes are supposed to enter service hy 2002.

The audit office said cost overruns, delays and the anticipated mid-level performance of a lowbudget version of the Eurofighter for Germany raised serious questions about the program.

Officials from Britain and Germany, meanwhile, realfirmed their commitment to developing the Eurofighter.

"I don't think there are any doubts," Defense Secretary Malcolm Rifkind of Britain said. Mr. Rifkind spoke to reporters after talks with Mr. Rühe.

Skoda Presses VW on Production Vows

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Review Jet Deal, Bonn Urged

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PRAGUE - Officials of the Czech government and the automaker Skoda said Thursday they planned to hold Volkswagen AG to its promises to increase production and introduce a new model at its Czech plant

The officials said, however, that they expected Volkswagen's total investment in Skoda to be about half the original amount of 8.2 hillion Deutsche marks (\$4.8 billion) discussed when Vnlkswagen agreed to

Czech government officials, still angry about being ken by surprise in September when VW suddenly taken by surprise in September when VW suddenly canceled a 1.4 billion DM financing package for Skoda, said they wanted to become more closely involved with management decisions at the Czech carmaker.

As majority shareholder, the Czech government has "some leverage to help us negotiate effectively with Volkswagen," said Radomir Sabela, Czech deputy minister of industry and trade. Growing opposition to the merginister of industry and trade. Growing opposition to the merg-Czech officials said they were more concerned that er plan, with some viewing it as

the German carmaker make good on its production promises, rather than its investment pledges. (Bloomberg, AFX)

GATT: French Forecast of Accord VW:

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dur, he said, "wants to involve the members of the National Assembly and sensiors hetween the 10th and 15th.

But Mr. Longuet said that all issues would not be settled then and that the National Assembly would be called to vote on an "outline text.

"President Clinton is due tn put guidelines to Congress on Dec. 15. and the hasis will be faid down in the three following months." he said.

The development in Paris came a day after the EC's trade negotiator. Sir Leon Brittan, returned from talks in Washington, where he said

progress had been made. Earlier on Thursday, Foreign Minister Alain Juppe said there tion of the country being confrontwould be a parliamentary debate on the trade question, but he left it unclear whether there would be a

Parliament to be able to discuss the and Trade.

issue." adding. "There will there-fore be a debate. and we will see A 29-Hour Week what happens then." Mr. Juppe also said it would be tors, said workers would have an

impossible in reach an agreement by Dec. 15 unless European foreign annual income loss of just under 10 percent. ministers were able to examine de-The idea of shortening the worktails of a preliminary accord at week as a way of generating or preserving jobs has been gaining their next meeting Thursday.

Mr. Longuet, on the nther hand. said the Parliament would have the cause of the lingering recession and chance to vote. The deputies "will have to vote, and I am pleased because this will be a major debate for the French people," he said. perimentation. The company is

He added that approval of the accord would depend on the flexi-hility shown by the United States. struggling through some of the most trouhled times in its history. Of its four hrands - Volkswagen, Mr. Balladur said France had Audi, Skoda and SEAT - only not yet achieved its goals in the Skoda is flourishing. talks and that there was no ques-Other reaction to the workweek ed with a fait accompli on Dec. 15. agreement was mixed. This is the date set far conclusion Miehael Geuenich, a hoard

for the Uruguay round of talks on a member of the German Trade Union Association, said the accord new world trading system under He said Mr. Balladur "wishes the General Agreement on Tariffs would serve as a pilot for other labor agreements.

Dollar Gains On Rate Talk Bloomberg Business News

LONDON - The dollar ended higher in Europe on Thursday, as the Deutsche mark slipped amid persistent rumors of lower German interest rates in the near future.

The pound also rose against the German currency. Markets in the United States were closed fnr Thanksgiving Day.

The dollar ended in Europe at 1.7066 DM, up from 1.7024 DM at Wednesday's close in New York, and at 108.30 yen. compared with 108.15 yea. It gained to 1.4975 Swiss francs from 1.4922 and tn 5.9112 French francs from 5.9060.

The pound slipped against the dollar, to \$1.4863 from \$1.4885. But it surged to a three-month high against the mark, touching 2.5435 DM during the day before ending at 2.5430 DM.



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STOCKHOLM - Two institutinns owning more than 11 percent Opponents of the merger object date for France's privatization of Renault and France's plan to retain of Volvo AB gave their support Thursday to the plan to merge Volvo's vehicle-making nperstions with Renault SA of France. The 4th AP-Fund, a Swedish a "golden share" in Renault-Volvo. with which it could stop other parpension fund with a 7.5 percent ties from obtaining a stake of more stake, said it would hack the deal than 20 percent. unless significant new information emerged before a Dec. 7 sharehold-France has promised to privatize Renault as soon as market condiers' meeting that has been called to tions permit, possibly in the second vote on the merger. Later in the day, Folksam, a cohalf of 1994.

operative insurance group that holds 3.6 percent of Volvo, added its support.

The verdict by the pension fund was particularly welcome to Volvo management, as it was considered a tantamount to a French takeover of Volvo, was what caused the Dec. 7 shareholders' meeting to be called. State-owned Renault would con-

trol 65 percent of the automakers' proposed joint company. Renault-Volva RVA, while Valvo would own 35 percent. Anxieties had intensified

Wednesday after 5th AP-Fund, which holds 1.3 percent of Volvo's shares, announced it would vote against the proposal. In addition, three former Volvo executives on Thursday urged shareholders to vote "no" in B letter read during a televisinn news program.

Another television news program said Thursday night that Gunnar L. Johansson, who was chairman of Volvo from 1987 to 1990, had resigned from the board nf the 4th AP-Fund to protest its

Bayer Profit Steadies Out Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches

LEVERKUSEN, Germany - Baver AG, the German chemicals company, said Thursday that the decline in its profit slowed in the third quarter from the first two quarters, and that this trend continued in October.

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Bayer said pretax profit fell 6.6 percent in the quarter to 392 million DM (\$230.6 mil-lion) and predicted that it would show a drop of 20 percent to 2.2 billion DM for the vear.

Chairman Manfred Schneider said that results had been buoyed by "stricter cost management and the positive influences from our non-European business.

(Reuters, Bloomberg)

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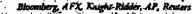
Thyssen AG management will recommend omitting the dividend for the year ended Sept. 30, a German newspaper report said. Officials of the steelmaker, which paid a dividend of 6 Deutsche marks (\$3.53) a share for the previous year, could not be reached for comment.

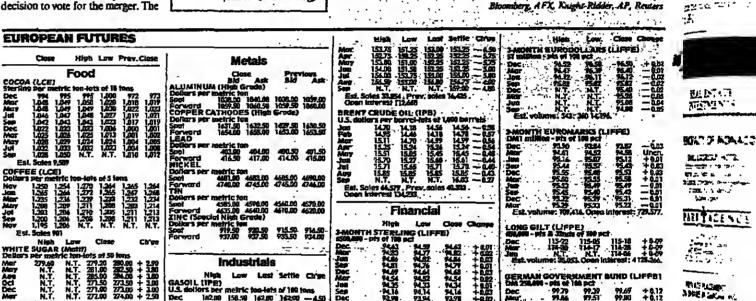
• Ferruzzi Finanziaria SpA presented a restructuring plan to foreign bank creditors that includes creating a special fund of 2.3 million lire (\$1.37 billion) to repay 65 percent of its debt to the banks, a banking source said.

• Germany's Bavaria state said the cost of living rose 0.3 percent in the month to mid-November and 3.4 percent over the latest 12 months, down from 3.7 percent a month earlier. In Baden-Württemberg, the increase was 0.3 percent in the month and 4.1 percent in the year.

Germany's economics minister. Günter Rewood, said he expected the West German economy next year to expand by 0.5 to 1.0 percent, but he warned that "the trees will not grow into the sky," because there would continue to be "external as well as internal economic risks."

- EN Aquitaine will probably be the first major French chupany to be privatized next year, Finance Minister Edmond Alphandery said, though the size of the oil company may mean it will have to be sold to investors in several stages, with the state retaining a "golden share" and establishing a "core shareholder group."





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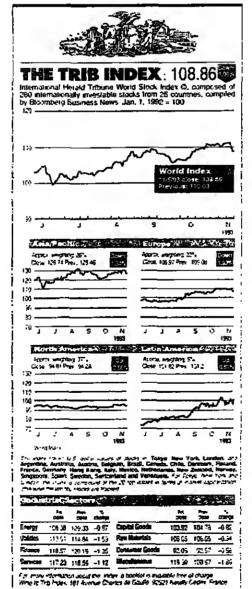
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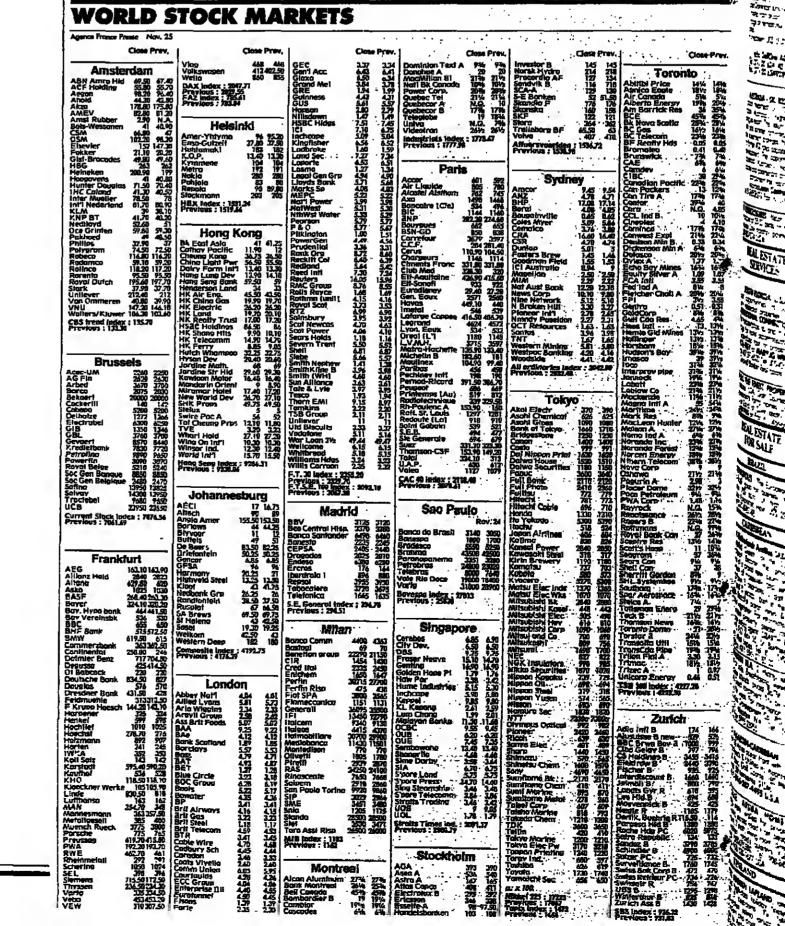
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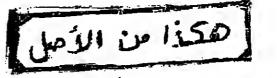
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TAIPEI - Taiwan announced on Thursday a package of reforms easing curbs on foreign investment in its financial markets to accompany the island's bid to join the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade

- Restrictions on remittances of principal and capital gains out of Taiwan by foreign investors in the island's securities markets would be removed, the Pinance Ministry

Foreign investors would have a period of nine months after mitial approval to bring funds into Taiwan, up from six months at present

The 10 percent ceiling on combined foreign investment in any individual stock and a 5 percent ceiling on investment by a single foreign institution, would both be raised, the ministry said

The first ceiling would be raised to between 20 and 30 percent, and the second to between 10 and 15 percent, a ministry official said. The ministry said it also planned to abolish all restrictions on foreign investment in securities houses, insurance companies and investment

firms. The reforms "will open our markets, helping us to join the GATT and accelerating our development into a regional financial center," the ministry said

The reforms need the approval of the cabinet and in some cases the national assembly. No schedule for implementation was set. .

Foreign fund managers welcomed the reforms. Curbs on fund remittances, such as a rule that capital gains can only be taken out once a year, have helped to deter foreign equity investment funds, which have totaled \$1.86 billion since the stock market first opened in 1991.



ringgit (\$2.12) a share on Oct. 6 to 9.05 ringgit on Oct. 11, amid what traders said was a revival of speculation that it would be tak-en over, the exchange asked Union Paper for an explanation. KUALA LUMPUR - Market-moving rumors have been flying all year on the Kuala Lum-pur Stock Exchange, where the composite index has soared \$1 percent since January. But, although regulators re-"We wish to advise all inves-

tors not to listen to rumors or quire companies to comment on market speculations on an immiremore that significantly affect nent takeover," the executive chairman, Abdul Aziz Hussain, prices of their stocks, the companics' statements are often vague and sometimes omit crucial inreplied. "There are no material developments at the moment."

formation. Indeed, the artful dodge is becoming a regular fea-ture, market-watchers say. "Sometimes there is a lack of a Bertling on Runners strong, straightforward reply," P.H.S. Lim, president of the Ma-Abertandes traies, duity laysian Investors Association, said. Although the exchange can fine or delist companies that fail to disclose information promptly or accurately, so far it has con-fined itself to issuing private or 800) public reprimands.

public reprimands. Interpreting company denials has been an especially tricky-business for investors trying to assess rumors about possible or pending acquisitions. Consider the case of Union TO:

Paper Holdings Bhd.; a toilet-paper maker listed on the ex-Store 25 change's Second Board for smaller companies.

After the stock rose from 5.40

But when investors sent the stock up to 16.90 ringgit by Oct. 28, the exchange asked again. This time, Union Paper asked that its shares be suspended from

trading pending an announce-ment. Last week, the company disclosed that its controlling shareholder was in the final stages of talks on a sale of its shares to a third party, possibly setting the stage for a change in control of the company,

Merchant bankers and investment analysis agree it is not easy to decide wheo information should be released to such cases.

But when information comes out haphazardly, investors may have to decide, on the basis of little or nothing, whether to buy on rumor and risk ruin or take a company's denial at face value and miss a windfall.

"Rumors have probably been 80 percent true," Richard Palm-

Japan's Banks Post Declines in 6-Month Profits

The Associated Press

heading back into trouble.

56 percent because the bank decid-TOKYO - Most major Japaed to write off 164 billion yen in had loans.

oese hanks reported sharp declines in first-half profits Thursday, as bad loans ballooned because of the worried about bad loans from the nation's business slump. boom years of the late 1980s. But The reports represented another nuw, many of the bad debts appear to come from businesses' inability dose of bad news for Japan's econ-omy in a week marked by a slide in 10 the stock market. And they signal that the hanking industry, once

cope with Japan's economic slowdown. The loan problem, in urn, is making banks cautious about new lending — making it even more difficult for an economic thought to have come through the worst part of its loan crisis, may be recovery to get started.

Over Rail Deal

Reuters

Daewoo Heavy Industries

Ltd. said Thursday it had sued

GEC Alsthom, the French-led

consortium tentatively award-

ed the contract for a high-

speed train, for alleged breach

Daewoo said GEC Alsthom

The French consortium an-

counced a week ago that it had

chosen Hyundai Precision & Industries Co. as the leading

domestic manufacturer and

denied that it had any prior

"We have lodged the issue with the Seoul District Civil

Court." a Daewoo spokesman

said. "Alsthom broke the con-

agreement with Daewoo.

had named it as the main domestic contractor for rolling

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SEOUL - South Korea's

Coocern about the ecoonmy caused the Nikkei stock index to fall nearly 5 percent in two days early this week. It bounced back **Daewoo Sues** Thursday, closing 0.9 percent high-er at 17,223. Bad loans - defined as loans to **GEC** Alsthom

which interest had not been paid for at least six months - by 11 major retail banks totaled 9.25 tril-lion yen (SE5.46 hillion) as of Sept. 30, according to hank officials. That represented an increase of 813 billion yen, or 9.6 percent, from six months earlier. The 11 banks' pretax profits for

the six months ended Sept. 30 fell 22.2 percent from a year earlier, to 393 hillion yen. Profits from core benking operations fell 10.6 per-cent, with eight of the 11 hanking companies showing declines in that key statistic.

Officials attributed the profit decline partly to lower lending profits stemming from lower interest rates and cutbacks in total lending because of Japan's recession. But the overriding factor was the cost of disposiog of massive amounts of nonperforming loans, officials said.

For instance, profit from core banking operations at Dai-ichi Kangyo Bank, the world's largest, rose 8 percent, but pretax profit fell

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Mitsubishi Electric Corp. said its pretax profit rose 32 percent to 35.7 billion yen (\$329.8 million) in the six months ended Sept. 30 and had been boosted by interest payments and foreign exchange gains.

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• Hitachi Ltd. said its pretax profit fell 6 percent to 105.9 hillion yen in the half coded Sept. 30 due to the rise of the yen and the effects of a cool summer, which cut sales of key home electric appliances.

• Toshiba Corp. said its pretax profit fell 2 percent to 36.2 billion yen in the half ended Sept. 30 with sales off in most sectors except capital goods.

China began construction of a project in the city of Jilin that is slated 10 be its biggest petrochemical project when completed to 1996 and that will require an investment of 12.15 hillion yuan (\$2.1 hillion).

Volkswagen AG's Santana model, produced in China by a joint venture io Shanghai, has local content totaling 80.43 percent, said the Guangming Daily, adding that the share was 60 percent in 1990.

• Indonesia and Iran have agreed to study a possible joint venture in Iran to assemble aircraft parts made by IPTN, a state-owned Indonesian company, according to the Antara news agency.

Phatra Thanakit Co., a Thai securities firm, was fined 40 million baht (\$1.57 million) for mistakenly offering 200 million shares of Ayudhya Investment & Trust Co., another finance company, in the stock market. Reuters, AP. AFP



Brokers hedge their risk by cirbankrupt dehtors or those on culating private "market talk" reports with the latest gossip. Even some foreign fund managers have been pursuing rumordriven action in recent months.

er, associate director of Ong Re-search in Singapore, said of the Kuala Lumpur market this year. But there is that risk."

China Weighs Regional Exchanges

Thursday close:

expanding China's stock market experiment by open-ing "regional exchanges" for provincial companies, shares in small and medium-sized local firms. according to one of its authors.

Mr. Cao said the two existing national exchanges, in Shanghai and Shenzhen, could not keep pace with the rapid growth in joint-stock companies. Beijing has shared between buyer and seller. The overhaul would ruled out another national exchange, preferring to focus on making Shanghai a world-class bourse. Shared between buyer and seller. The overhaul would also set an annual tax rate of 20 percent on total stock market gains.

Mr. Cao said the new law, which officials hope to BELJING - A new securities law will propose implement early in 1994, would call for "multiuered"

Cao Fengui, a Beijing University economics profes-sor, said in Thursday's China Daily that the draft law would also propose opening over-the-counter markets. government and regularize markets. The new rate would be set at 0.6 percent on each stock sale, to be

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SPORTS Soccer Coach **Quits in France**, **Citing Cup Loss**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches PARIS - Gerard Houllier resigned Thursday as coach of the eration, Jean Fournet-Fayard, and French national soccer team, eight the French league, Noël Le Graet French national soccer team, eight days after France was eliminated from the 1994 World Cup.

Houllier is the second European coach to resign this week after World Cup debacles. England's manager. Graham Taylor. quit Tuesday after his team also failed to qualify for the World Cup finals. Our elimination was cruel and

goal and it was logical for me to go," Houiller said. Although Houllier had a con-

tract through next year, the resig-nation was considered imminent after France lost Nov. 17 to underdogs Bulgaria in the final minute, losing its chance of going to the final round of the World Cup in the United States in June.

The 46-year-old former English teacher. regarded as a soccer intellectual and an expert on tactical theory, remains technical director of the national team and will have a say in the nomination of his successor, expected in the next few days.

"I wanted to resign immediate-ly." Houllier said at the French Soccer Federation. He said he had waited a week because "of the intense emotion" he had felt after the "tragic" France-Bulgaria match. "Only 15 seconds out of 900

minutes turned everything upside down," he said, referring to the last-gasp goal that turned a draw, which would have sent France to the finals, into a 2-1 defeat.

Houllier succeeded Micbel Platini in July last year. Platini resigned following France's dismal performance in the European Championships. "He's made the rational and log-

ical choice." said Platini of Houiller's resignation.

"The match against Israel was the real catastrophe," be added. "We were incredibly badly pre-pared. What happened against Bulgaria was simply football justice."

No successor was immediately named by the presidents of the fed-"I have spoken with the two presidents," Houllier said, "and it seemed essential that my successor

should be a new man in a climate of calm and screnity." Sports Minister Micbèle Alliot-Marie, who met Fournet-Fayard and Le Graet early Thursday, called a special meeting for Monpainful, but we did not achieve our day at the soccer federation. No agenda was announced, but it was expected that Houllier's successor

would be selected. Reports said Fournet-Fayard, who has been criticized for lack of leadersbip over the Marseille match-fixing scandal, would also resign. Le Gract, who is credited with bringing about the downfall of the Marseille owner. Bernard Tapie, by bringing a civil action in the scandal, is expected to succeed him at the helm of a reformed federa-

Houllier ended with a record of seven victories, a draw and four losses, the last two at home in the final minute against Israel and Bulgaria, teams France was expected to beat.

Houllier played through 1976 and became a coach soon after. beading various teams in the French league's three divisions. In 1986, he coached Paris-Saint-Germain to the French first division

1988.

Toulouse.

AS Monaco lifted a bit of the gloom hang-ing over French soccer, but its 4-1 defeat of He served as Platini's assistant Spartak Moscow in the European Champiafter the former French star beons' League was crafted by the French came national coach in November squad's foreign legion.

Germany's Jürgen Klinsmann and Nige-ria's Victor Ikpeba scored Wednesday night, There is no obvious candidate to replace Houllier, but some of Plaand the playmaking of the Belgian Enzo tini's midfield partners on the great Scilo was the hub around which many of French team of the early 1980s are Monaco's better attacks were huilt. considered candidates. Jean Tigana Youri Djorkaeff and Lilian Thuram were

is now in charge at Lyon. Luis Fernandez bas transformed the other scorers who helped brighten the French game, which has been rocked by the Cannes into a top side and Alain Olympique Marseille match-rigging scandal Giresse is on the coaching staff at (AP. Reuters, AFP) and the national team's climination from the

1994 World Cup competition. Nikolai Pi-sarev scored for the visitors.

Monaco went to the top of group A as Barcelona, favorites to make the final, managed only a goalless draw with Galatasaray n Istanbul

FC Porto took the lead in group B by beating Werder Bremen, the German cham-pion, 3-2, when AC Milan was held to a 0-0 talemate by Anderlecht in Brussels. After Monaco's match, the defender Em-

manuelle Petit summed up his conflicting emotions. "Last week, I reached rock bottom with France, but tonight I had a real high with Monaco," he said, referring to France's

finals in the United States.

Galatasaray, shock victors over the English champion, Manchester United, in the previ-ons round, held the Spaniards to a 0-0 draw.

The prediction of AC Milan's coach, Fa-The prediction of AC Millian's coach, ra-bio Capello, that the match in Brussels in the last round were denied by a Dennis would be the most dangerous for his team came true when the Italian champion dropped its first point ever in a Champions League match.

minutes by the Austrian Bernd Hohsch and will be suspended after being booked for the the New Zealander Wynton Rufer.

shock 2-1 loss to Bulgaria on Nov. 17, which eliminated the French from the World Cup finals in the United States. The striker Domingos scored for Porto in the sixth minute and Rai Jorge put the Por-tuguese team two ahead in the 34th minute. Jose Carlos thought he had killed off Bremen.

with Porto's third 21 minutes before time, but Bremen finished with a flourish.

In the UEFA Cap, Norwich City's hopes of building on its triamph over Bayern Manich

Porto looked to be coasting to victory Butterworth its playmaker, Ian Crook, and iwo would advance to a quarterfi-before conceding two goals in the last five its key defender, Ian Culverhouse, All three and draw and a knockout system

second time in the competition.



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Compiled by One Suff From Dispatches BERN --- UEFA, European soccer's governing body, may make its clite chib competition even more exclusive by denying national champions an aniomatic berth, a spokesman said Thursday.

16 Teams

UEFA's executive committee will consider admitting only 16 teams to the European Champions' Cap, based on recent club perfornce, said the spokesman, Andre Vici.

"I must saress this is just one proposal among others to ensure that the stronger clubs are ade quatchy represented in the competition," he added.

The proposal, to be discussed by UEFA officials at a meeting day and Thursday in Geneva, would go a long way toward the "super league", sought by some of Western Europe's top club owners.

All national champions now qualify for the toursament, the most presignous of Encope's three chub cop competitions. After preteams play in two groups of four, facing each other home and away in a Champions' League. Each group winner faces the other pool's ronner-up in semifinals to determine the two finalists.

A proliferation of weaker teams from the former Soviet republics; the former Yagoslav republics and other nations, combined with pressure from Western Europe's most powerful clubs for more top-draw tches, has increasingly forced UEFA to seek changes to strengthon its top tournament

"The aim is to ensure that the great soccer nations are represent-ed," Vieli said. He said details of the plan were still under discussion.

Under the plan, the 16 teams reportedly would be broken down into four groups. Each group's top two would advance to a quarterfiwould be used from then on.

Vieli declined to comment on that reported format. (Reuters, AP)

120 F.A. Still Wants Howe Don Howe is to be offered the job of caretaker manager of England's national soccer team, even though he does not want it. Agence 2.57 France-Presse reported Thursday

The chairman of the English Football Association's International Committee, Peter Swales, said be made to Howe, a former England coach, within the next few days to take charge of the friendly, matches against Denmark and Germany in March and April. Within hours of Tavior's resigns tion on Tuesday, Swales, Graham Kelly, the F.A. chief executive, and Bert Millichip, the chairman, decided that Howe was the man to succeed him on a temporary basis.

turned into a good-luck party for Kimball on Tuesday night.

In all, Kimball served less than five years of a 17-year sentence on two counts of manslaughter, Kimball isn't talking to the news media "for a That feeling has apparently come through for

"You can't erase the sease that he's with you, think he's learned a lot of patience. The kids trust do a dive, he'll ask you if you want to do it. And if all your life," she said. "We miss his personality. I wonder what his life would be now." you go at your own pace. We're going to miss

Kimb 10med here ov mother, a sister and a brother. After Thanksgiv ing dinner together at O'Brien's condomini they planned to head back to Michigan. Ultimately, Kimball intends to move to Illinois and enroll at one of several universities where he has applied. His driver's license has been revoked for life, he must report to a probation officer monthly, and he must perform 15 years of community SCIVICE.

In the Wake of Tragedy, U.S. Diver Takes a Step Toward a New Life

Dennis Bergkamp, Inter Milan's Dutch striker, firing a shot at the Norwich City goal as Ian Culverhouse attempted a defense in a UEFA Cup match in Norwich, England. **Monaco's 4-1 Cup Victory Lifts French Spirits**

Agence France-Presse

emotional parting at the Swimming Hall of Fame pool before about 100 well-wisbers, the U.S. Olympic diving coach, Ron O'Brien, told Bruce Kimball that be had a full-time job waiting for him with the Fort Lauderdale Diving Club.

By Charlie Nobles

lew York Tunes Service FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida - In an

Less than 12 hours later, at about 6 A.M. Wednesday, Kimball walked out of a halfway bouse here, completing his incarceration for killing two teenagers in a drunken-driving accident in 1988.

A silver medalist in 10-meter platform diving in the 1984 Olympics. Kimball had been at the Spectrum Center, a drug-and-alcobol rehabilita-tion center, for the last 11 months, during which be began working with young divers in O'Brien's program.

voungsters for completing the diving program

A ceremony to present the certificates to the

after completing the substance abuse rehabilitation program. It earned him a reduced sentence under Florida's controlled-release program for nouviolent offenders. On Aug. I. 1988. Kimball's car rammed into a

group of about 35 teenagers in a cul-de-sac in Brandon, near Tampa, killing Robbie Bedell, 19. and Kevin Gossic. 16.

Six others were injured, two so badly that they eventually needed a total of 12 operations. Officials said Kimball's blood alcohol level was twice the legal limit.

Bedell's parents, and others involved have expressed outrage at Kimball's early release. Terry Bedell told The Mianu Herald that she thought of her son often.

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variety of personal reasons," he said. Those close Kent Murray, 13, who has been coached by to him say he is a changed man. "I've never seen him so calm," O'Brien said.

U.S. Junior Olympic diving team, who has be-

come one of Kimball's closest friends, said: "I

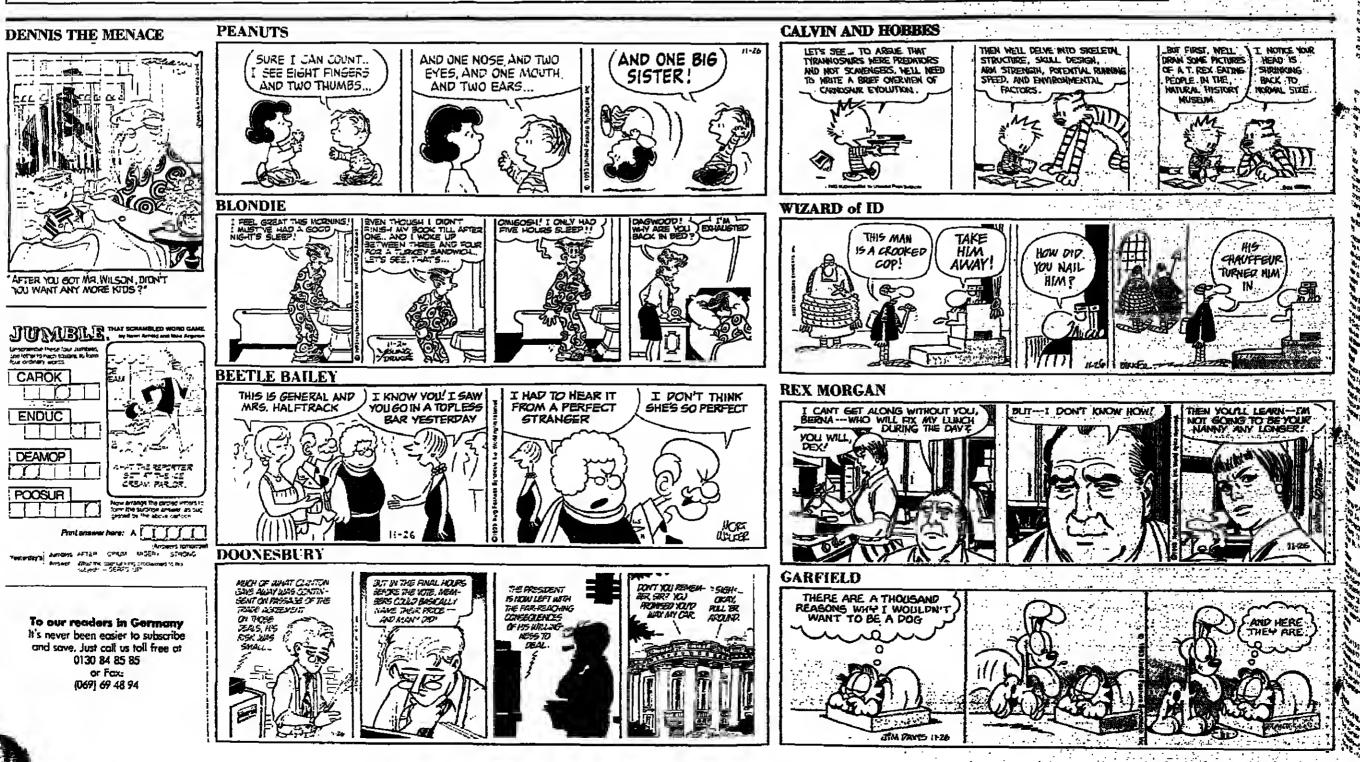
Kimball for a month. "He's great," said Murray, who did not know Tim O'Brien, Ron's son and head coach of the of Kimball's past until he was told Tuesday

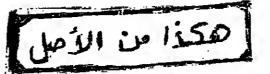
evening. "He doesn't pusb you," he added. "If you can't

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"He made a mistake any one of us could've made," Tim O'Bries was quoted as saying by the Miami Herald.

"He carries it with him to this day; he'll carry it with him forever," he continued. "I don't know that anyone but Brace can know how that feels". "Apart from discussing Don Howe, we didn't come up with anybody else to speak to," Swales said. "Tve read Don's comments, but we're still hopeful we can get him to take on the commitment





SPORTS Active Associated Press NEW YORK - The final sec-NEW YORK - The final

As the last ticks sounded, Massachusetts players jumped into each other's arms or onto couriside tables: Fans stormed the Madison Square Garden floor. It looked like the biggest victory in school history. It was

The 19th-ranked Minutemen beat top-ranked and defending national champion North Carolina 91-86 in overtime, Wednesday in the semifinals of the Preseason NIT.

It didn't seem to matter much that the victory only got them to Friday night's championship game against No. 6 Kansas, which beat No. 9 Minnesota 76-71 in the other semifical

This was the only game of my and Mike Williams' 3-pointer with cancer I was ever thinking about 20 seconds left tied the game 76. constantly since as soon as I knew. we were going to play them," said Massachusetts forward Lou Roe, Massachuseus forward Lou kuc, who finished with 28 points and 14 rebounds. "I wasn't getting any skeep the last few nights, but you know what? It was just fun playing this game." It didn't seem that way.

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Massachusetts (3-0) outrebound-

ed the taller, stronger Tar Heels 54-52, but the Minutemen were just 24-for-42 from the foul line (57 percent) and the overall shooting . was 41 percent (31-for-76).

"I know you're going to say 'You missed a lot of free throws' or stayed on the floor for several min-Your shooting was off,' and it was utes before two teammates carried sota coach Clem Haskins said. "We antil the game was on the line," Massachusetts coach John Calipari said. "The big number for us was victory," Calipari said. "We don't downs."

North Carolina (2-1) is consid-

ered to have the country's deepest bench as well, and coach Dean Smith needed it against the Minlina with 22 points, while Montross and Derrick Phelps had 13 each. utemen as starting center Eric Montross and power forward Ke-

vin Salvadori both fouled out, "Our depth was tested, but it was an excellent game by Massachu-setts," Smith said after his 1,000th said game as coach of the Tar Heels left him with a career record of 776-224. "Our late-game situations berry and Greg Ostertag. After Minnesota took a 63-62 were not good, but that's my fault."

bounds. The other points were a 3pointer by Woodberry with 2:34 left that gave Kansas the lead for good at 71-68. Scott added two free throws with 26 seconds remaining

"In overtime I was looking to get if to Lon, but they were going to double down and I was open," Wil-liams said. "This was a chance for all of us to prove ourselves, and we

Everything was not perfect for points and Ostertag had 14 points Massachusetts as freshman center and eight rebounds. Marcus Camby went down with a knee injury 16 seconds into overwith 16 points. time. He was in obvious pein and

utes before two teammates carried "That takes a lot away from the

NEW YORK — The final sec- against the best trapping team in we know he won't play Friday." onds looked more like March than the nation." Williams finished with 17 point Williams finished with 17 points, while Donta Bright had 15. Donald Williams led North Caro-

"We can only hope this helps us and be thankful this is November and not March or April," Smith

Kansas advanced to the championship game behind the play of seniors Richard Scott, Steve Wood-

lead with 5:32 to play, the 7-1 Os-tertag scored eight of Kansas' next 11 points, two baskets coming on Massachusetts led 56-50 with 14 minutes left when the Tar Heels went on a 10-0 run, one point less lobs from Woodberry, two on rethan the one they started the game with. Despite the woeful foul shooting, the Minutemen hung in and Mike Williams 3-pointer with Massachusetts scored the first six points of overtime and another

Massachusetts scored the first six points of overtime and another "A lot of the young guys on this 3-pointer by Williams, this one with 13 seconds left, gave the Min-utemen an 88-84 lead. "Based on the set an example," said Scott, who finished with 20 points. "We'll take that role, but it has to be everybody contributing every night, not just two or three people. Hey, it's just the third game of the season and we're all still learning our roles." Woodberry finished with 17

> Townsend Orr led Minnesota "They were just too big for us. It

worked so hard to get back into it, and then we had some break-



him to the locker room.

The Associated Pres

BRUSSELS - The world can rest assured: No unified European sporting juggernant will emerge from the European Community's drive for closer economic and political union.

Sports is driven by national passions and will continue to be, Europe's Olympic chief told the European Parliament on Thursday. "Sports has always been based on nationality and we don't want to sacrifice that concept," said Jacques Rogge, head of the Enropean Association of National Olympic Committees. "There will be no common Enropean Community team." The 12-nation Community has long tried to introduce the idea of

EC unity in the Olympics or other major sporting events, but has found little or no support from European sporting federations. EC attempts to streamline legislation throughout the 12 nations has

put the politicians in direct confrontation with the federations. The federations refuse to adapt to EC rules on free movement of goods and

people, applying rules imposed by their international bodies. The biggest conflict has been spore, where the Community wants to end national limits on EC players. Those limits impede the right of an EC critizen to work throughout the Community.

Title Quest Lends Meaning to Nebraska-Oklahoma Matchup

By Robert McG. Thomas Jr. New York Times Service

NEW YORK - They have a wealth of football history and tradition going back to

1912, but when Nebraska takes on Oklaho-ma for the 74th time Friday, it will be a meaningless game — freighted with signifi-

On one level, the game in Lincoln, Ne-braska, will be classic anticlimax. Nebraska (10-0) clinched the Big Eight title two weeks ago and, win or lose, the Corn-huskers are going to the Orange Bowl. huskers are going to the Orange Bowl.

And for all the psychic satisfaction Oklahoma would derive from knocking off an undefeated team ranked No. 1 by one major poll and No. 2 (behind Florida

State) by another, the Sooners (8-2) would have only a marginal expectation of a major bowl bid. Indeed, at immediate stake for the Soon-

ers is whether they finish third (at 5-2) points. Nehraska claims the higgest defen-behind Colorado (5-1-1) in the Big Eight, sive gun, outside linebacker Trev Alberts. or fifth (4-3) behind Kansas State (4-2-1). He leads the team in tackles (94) and sacks A victory would probably mean a trip to (15), and is one of three finalist for the the Aloha Bowl on Dec. 25; a loss (and a 4

3 record), another year of rebuilding. What lends meaning to the otherwise meaningless game is Nebraska's quest for the mythical national championship. A loss would knock it out of contention no opponent. A victory would keep its hopes alive, especially if Florida State (10-1) beats Florida (9-1) on Saturday to claim the other Orange Bowl berth.

On one side of the ledger, both Oklahoma and Nebraska had last weekend off and would seem almost evenly matched on defense, the Sooners having held their oppo-nents to an average of 16.9 points and the Cornhuskers having kept their fores to 15.3 with the more effective passing quarter-with the more effective passing quarter-times.

A loss would knock Nebraska out of contention no matter who is its Orange Bowl

Butkus award as the nation's leading collegiate linebacker.

opponent.

It is the offensive column, however, that

touchdowns, 15 to 14; their quarterback, suggesting that Oklahoma was nothing Tommie Frazier, is an option specialist who is the team's second leading rusher,

and besides, neither Oklahoma nor Nehraska is a real passing team, anyway. The Cornhuskers, who lead the nation in rushing, with an average of 304 yards a

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Coach Gary Gibbs put it Wednesday.

"We're very confident." Perhaps he was

special

"We've never tried to raise the specter of rivalry," he said. "The players don't talk much about Oklahoma or Colorado or anybody."

yards a game. Not that Oklahoma is intimidated. As 20 passes a game to Nehraska's 18. the ball a bit more, an average of just about

> The forecast is for snow, According to Osborne, the most critical decision of the day could be whether to scrape the field during halftime.

team physician said. on 16 carries.

factor Thursday, gaining 63 yards

in the Silverdome, completed 9 of

Sanders Hurt

Hapless Lions

As Bears Down

The Associated Press PONTIAC, Michigan — The of 33 for 167 yards, was the victim terroit Lions lost Barry Sanders, of Chicago's swarming defense.

play, 58-yard drive for Hanson's 39-yard field goal and a 3-3 tie. The Lions drove to midfield on their next possession. But from a second-and-15 situation, Armstrong knocked the hall from Peete's hand as he attempted a pass, then recovered the fumble at the Lions' 42.

Peete lost 21 yards on the five

sacks, was intercepted twice and

turnovers in the first half, limited

the Lione to just nine snaps in the

first quarter. On that nioth snap, Richard Dent hit Peete and

knocked the ball loose. Armstrong

missed from 49 and 42 yards in the

first half, kicked his field goal for a

man for gains of 14 and 34 yards,

the Licos answered with a nine-

With Peete hitting Brett Perri-

recovered at the Lions' 31. Six plays later, Butler, who

The Bears, who forced three

lost two fumbles.

3-0 Chicago lead.

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On the first snap after that turnover, Harbaugh stepped up in the pocket and lofted a TD strike that Obce, several yards ahead of the Detroit cornerback Ray Crockett, hauled in.

Dan Owens intercepted Har-baugh's shovel pass for Neal Anderson, giving Detroit the ball at Chicago's 40 early in the third quarter. Six plays later, Hanson kicked a 27-varder to make it 10-6



The resurgent Chicago Bears, led hy defensive end Trace Armstrong, had five sacks and forced four turnovers in a 10-6 National Foothall League victory over the Lions. It was the third straight road triumph for the Bears (6-5), who have staged their comehack in

Detroit Lions lost Barry Sanders.

the game, and most of their lead in

the National Football Conference

Central Division on Thursday.

successive games at San Diego, Kansas City and Detroit. The Lions (7-4) have lost their last two games and will fall into a ne with Green Bay if the Packers defeat the Tampa Bay Buccancers on Sunday. Sanders sprained his left knee midway through the third quarter. He is expected to miss three to five

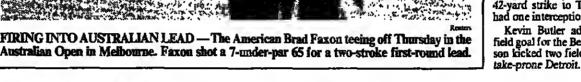
weeks with a partial tear of the medial collateral ligament. The sprain won't require surgery. a But Sanders was oever much of a

Jim Harhaugh, who has experienced some of his worst nightmares

42-yard strike to Terry Obec. He had one interception. Kevin Butler added a 27-yard

field goal for the Bears. Jason Hanson kicked two field goals for mistake-prone Detroit.

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Invitation to a Bashing

By Russell Baker

NEW YORK — An angry letter writer who says he is rich ac-cuses me of "rich-bashing" in a recent column. Not content with that, he insinuates that I am probably rich myself.

I deny this last charge and do so vehemently and categorically, just in case any deadbeat relatives, alumni associations or encyclope-dia salesmen happen to be reading this newspaper. If I were rich. would I be wearing an off-the-rack suit that fits as if it had been tailored for Dr. Frankenstein's deformed assistant, Igor?

On the other hand I confess gladly to being a basher of the rich. Giving them a sturdy hashing makes you feel tip-top if you don't happen to be rich yourself. I don't know about you, but after I've en-gaged in a brisk bout of rich-bashing it comforts me no end to realize that, thanks to my fragile bank balance, I will never have to suffer that kind of abuse.

Of course, the only bashing I can dish out is verbal, and as Averell Harrimao said maoy a time, "Sticks and stones et cetera, but words et cetera."

Harriman was probably the richest ricb man I ever went to the movies with. In those days Jack Valenti, the head of the movie lobby, used in invite me to screenings and Harriman was usually there since he loved movies, especially when he could get in free.

International Herald Tribune

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At intermissions, whenever he was not on the phone telling the president how to deal with the Soviets or the Vietnamese, Harriman would ask me to bash him a little. I hated to do it because not only was he a genuinely patriotic and hard-working rich man, but also because both of us always liked the same movies. Bashing Harriman was nuthing like the fun you got out of bashing, say, Michael Mil-

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New York Times Service

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The truly rich can never be of-

ging all the money in the 1980s.

By Degen Pener New York Times Service NEW YORK — America's most pleas-ingly plump, cheerfully chubby young actress is no longer living with euphemisms. When Ricki Lake made her movie debut almost six years ago in Jnhn Waters's "Hairspray," those were the kinds of

phrases people used to describe her. Back then, while just 19 years old and 5 feet 4 inches (1.62 meters) tall, she weighed 200 pounds (90 kilos) Her role - a sweet, overweight girlnext-door who lands a spot on a Baltimore

television dance program - won her a quick and early dose of fame. Today, she probably wouldn't get the part. Lake, since topping out at some-where over 250 pounds, has a new, retooled celebrity body, having shed more

the last two and a haif years. "I was happy then," Lake said, over s rather light dinner recently at Mike's American Bar

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great deal of malice can be worked and Grill, a quirky Or as Harriman, in an uncharac-Tex-Mex restaurant teristically long-winded observa-tion, explained when I asked why he in New York. 'T'm just happier now. Clearly so much happier now that I can fit would never allow me to let up in in this booth and nnt feel uncomfortable. applying the verbal bash to the rich, "Some people say I've sold out, you and especially him: "Once malconknow. I was this role model for heavy tents have emitted the worst of their people. But the thing is, I oever set out to be a rnle model at all, and I don't set out to bile in schmooze, they will be too tired to do a lot of ax swinging." Could he state the principle in be one now. I won't preach to anyone and

tell them how to lose weight. I don't know any better than the next person." Lake does not mind discussing the weight, but that's ont why she came to dinner. For while she may an longer be fat, she's also not just an actress. Since Sept. 13, she has been the host of "Ricki Lake,"

Paris Opéra's New Direction one of the latest entrants in the growing group of daytime syndicated talk shows. Three new syndicated shows made do-buts in the fall, bringing the number of daytime talk shows to roughly 20.

"Ricki Lake," on WWOR-TV, Channel 9, in New York, covers the usual gabfest turf: sibling strife, surprise marriage proposals, interracial dating and makeovers galore. But Lake, who is now all of 25, has just broken away from the pack of new-comers. In October her show's Nielsen rating among women 18 to 34 was double that nf two nther new syndicated shows, "Bertice Berry" and "Les Brown." Lake is candid, open and empathetic -

though, of course, those are the prerequisites for being a talk-show host. Her improved ratings - with a signifi-cant jump in recent weeks - can be attrib-

uted to other traits. She's a bit nutty, she



For starters, Lake showed up for dinner wearing no makeup, fully aware that she was to be photographed. Nnt much later, she made it clear that she's not afraid to criticize the competition. "I wouldn't go on 'Geraldo,' " she said. "He scares me. He's too accusatory and too meddling." Even more shocking, just a few minotes after she gingerly began eating her fettuc-cine with white beans, tomato sauce and garlic, she broke what would seem to be a cardinal rule in the entertainment world: Don't contradict your own news releases. The publicity agents for her show have made much of the story that Lake appeared on "Oprah Winfrey" a few years ago and talked nf having her own show one day. The truth is that it oever was a deeply held ambition.

"Everyone is blowing this story well out of proportion," she said. "I was on Oprah's show after 'Hairspray.' This was before she lost any weight. She was heavy and I was



Kith Merca/The New York Time The new Ricki Lake, cheerful but less voluminous.

> heavy, and for some reason I related to her. I was a big fan and I thought I'd tell her, 'Boy, I wish I could be more like you.' They turned it into this whole, you know, I saw it back then; I knew."

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Lake then proceeded to tell the real story of how she became a talk-show host, after having made nine movies, including "Cry-Baby" (another John Waters film), and having appeared in the television se-ries "China Beach."

It began with the demise of another talk show. In the spring of last year, Garth Ancier, a former president of entertainment for Fox Broadcasting Co., and Gail Stein-berg, a former producer of "Donahne" and "Geraldo," set out to create a talk show aimed at a 20- and 30-something audience. The result was "Jane," a show whose host was Jane Pratt, then 29 and the editor in chief of Sassy magazine. After a test run, the show wasn't renewed. Ancier started looking for a new host.

"They were throwing names around," Lake said. "They wanted to take the show national, and they wanted to find a younger host." Lake, to her own surprise,

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wound up being cast. The offer couldn't have come at a better time. After "China Beach" was canceled, Lake had hit one of those dry periods in an actor's life. Negotiations to start a sitcom inspired by Marlo Thomas's "That Girl" never went further than that. And just before she was contacted by Ancier, a part she felt she'd been promised in a television movie had fallen through.

"You're not just desperate because the part is perfect for you," Lake said. "You are desperate because you need to work. That's happened countless times in my career. I've been promised this job, I've been promised that job."

"And that's why when this talk show came around I was like, 'Yeah, yeah, sure, sure. I've heard this before, O.K.' So I went to the meeting and I knew it had to be sort of important because it was on the Fox lot in L.A. I just took it as a meeting and it turned into this."

So now Lake spends her days going over the usual talk-show fare: talking to mothers about their problem daughters, to women in the Ku Klux Klan, to men about sexual turn-ons and to women whose brothers claim they are too promiscuous. But with her own spin.

"Our show is funny," she said. "It's not exploitative. It's not crude. It's not freaks. We're offering a clearer alternative to people who want to watch talk shows but feel they can't relate to the shows on menopause or whatever - the older skewing issues."

One of her biggest challenges is controlling the guests on each show's panel. "When you do a show like stay away from my black man, the audience gets so riled up," said Lake, who recently took a very direct approach to the task.

"You have to talk one at a time," she continued. "In this case, the woman would nnt listen to me and it was to a point where it was, like, inexcusable. So I just went up on stage, I bent down in front of her and I. pinched her on the leg. She shut up and I just said: 'Ma'am, I'm not going to tell you again. You have to be quiet.'

It had been almost 40 minutes since her pasta had arrived, and Lake still hadn't finished it. When she finally let the waitress take it away, the steadfastly refused an offer of dessert.

"I would not even think of eating that," said Lake, who works with a personal trainer who keeps track of her weight even though she says she has no interest in knowing the numbers. "Tm done and Tm being weighed tomorrow. "Scales are not my friend. I'm not over-

weight now, but I truly do not know what I weigh. It's not so much losing weight now as it is toning my body."



He Wasn't an Addict

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River Phoenix's mother save that her son was not an addict or a regular drug user and that the over dose that led to his death stemmed from a party scene "way beyond his usual experience and control. Itis my prayer that River's leaving in this way will focus the attention of the world on how painfully the spirits of his generation are being winn down," his mother. Heart **Phoenix**, said in a letter published in the Los Angeles Times. The 23-year-old star of "Stand by Me" and "My Own Private Idaho" died of an overdose of cocaine and heroin on Oct 31 after partying at the Viper Room, a trendy Hollywood nightclub co-owned by the actur Johnny Depp.

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George Harrison may bid aloha to his Hawaii home. Three neighbors took him to court saying the original owners of his estate nn the island of Mani set up an easement to assure access in a stretch of shoreline. Harrison said he wasn't aware of the easement and wouldn't bave bought the property in 1981 had he known strangers would be allowed to walk 100 feet from his home. A judge ruled this week that Harrison must allow access, but Harrisoo plans to appeal. п

Mistislav Rostropovich and Jean-Pierre Rampal beiped celebrate the Polish composer Krzysztof Pender-echi's 60th birthday with performances of his work at a gala coocert in Warsaw.

п The Jackson mystique failed to draw South Africans to a secies of concerts by Michael Jackson's sister, Latoya. The tour ended in a flop, when fewer than 700 fans attended her show in Cape Town. Oranizers said even smaller audiences had turned up at earlier concerts.

The tenors José Carrents, Laciano Pavarotti and Plácido Domingo will perform together July 16 in Los Angeles, the night before the final World Cup soccer match, Carreras announced.



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named the author of the report as its director beginning in 1995. Hugues Gall, oow director of the Grand Theatre of Geneva and fnrmerly deputy administrator of the Paris Opera under Rolf Liebermann, will become director of the renamed Opéra Natinnal de Paris for a six-year term, with both artis-Minister Jacques Toubon said. tic and administrative responsibil-

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Bastille and the Palais Garnier, the former Opera. Opera and ballet will be performed in both houses. unlike the present separation nf functions. Other projects include a renovation of the 118-year-old Palais Garnier, a price restructuring to make more moderately priced seats available at the Bastille, and a concerted plan to build a viable opera repertoire for the company. Today marks a ocw start for the

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